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HANKOW JUBILANT OVER SUCCESSES

Japanese Completely Routed In Lingyi Sector

BRITAIN TO ABANDON PERIM

Cairo, To-day.
Britain will abandon her coasting station on Perim Island, on the southern outlet of the Red Sea because British military circles no longer consider the base as safe in view of the Italian position at Assab, says a press article.
It is planned to replace Perim by Makalla, capital of Hadramaut.—Trans-Ocean.

AMUSING SIDELIGHTS ON PUPPET PERFORMANCE

Shanghai, To-day.
An amusing sidelight on the so-called demonstrations in Shanghai yesterday in favour of the new Nanking regime, is thrown in police quarters, where it is stated that Chinese coolies were hired to march in procession through the city.
The police yesterday arrested several persons who were trying to bribe passers-by to participate in the demonstration in return for payment of a dollar each.
Another report, not without irony, says that the "President" of the new Nanking "Government," Liang Hung-chi, was threatened by a Japanese sentry in Nanking on Sunday for not raising his hat quickly enough to greet the sentry.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNDREDS DIE IN BOMBING OF TRAIN

Canton, To-day.
About 200 passengers, all civilians, were killed aboard a north-bound train on the Canton-Hankow Railway from Lok Chang yesterday morning when six Japanese bombers released a number of missiles on the train. One report stated that about 300 persons were killed. Every town and village of importance on the Canton-Hankow Railway was bombed yesterday by

Itagaki And Isogai Divisions Retreat In Disorder

Hankow, To-day.
Complete rout of the Japanese forces in the Lingyi sector is announced by military H.Q. following the recent of further telephonic information from the Lunghai Railway zone, prevailing that the Chinese troops are still riding on the crest of the wave of success.

The only point where the Japanese are holding their ground is in the vicinity of Taierschwang, where some of the bitterest fighting of the past week has been proceeding.

In this vital sector, where the Japanese are clinging grimly despite the collapse on all surrounding fronts, they have twice been driven from their positions outside the town, only to recover them in swift counter-attacks.

The Chinese claim that in one of these onslaughts, a detachment of over 1,500 Japanese was practically annihilated by machine-gun fire and hand grenades.

YIHSIEN INVESTED

The capture of Yihhsien by the Chinese is imminent, as the town is already virtually surrounded.

Farther north, the Chinese continue to advance and it is reported that they have now reached a point about five miles beyond Tsining. Military plans are believed to envisage a linking of the Tsining column with that driving against Taian, with the object of a combined offensive against Tsinanfu.—Our Own Correspondent and Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE REPORT

Shanghai, To-day.
In their first communique on the Shantung operations for a week, the Japanese military headquarters claim the success of an attack on Taierschwang, which they say is expected to fall into their hands.

It is significant that the capture of Taierschwang more than a week ago was claimed by the Japanese.—Our Own Correspondent.

HANKOW JUBILATION

Hankow, To-day.
Great jubilation reigns among Hankow officials and public bodies as a result of the

naval success. It is estimated that about 20 persons were killed in addition to the train casualties.

JAPANESE CONFLICT ON PROGRAMME

Shanghai, To-day.

Considerable divergences of opinion are said to have arisen in Japanese military and political quarters regarding the Japanese-sponsored "puppet governments" in Peiping and Nanking.

While one strong group advocates that the Peiping "government" should be the only Chinese administrative body, because only a government holding all power would be in a position to conclude and guarantee observation of treaties, another group favours the Nanking "government" as the central authority.

Yet a third group wishes both bodies to continue in existence. Pamphlets dropped by Japanese planes over Shanghai yesterday stated that the new Nanking body is only a provisional administration, and will be amalgamated eventually with the Peiping "government."—Trans-Ocean.



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There is no recession so far as this season's brides are concerned. Weddings of socialites in Europe and America these past months have been more lavish than ever.

In spite of the splendour of bridal finery, however, there is a general return to tradition in the whole set-up. There have been practically no brides wearing colour, or going up the aisle veiless or with strange and wonderful headdresses. This means that the Easter bride this year will follow suit.

Wedding dresses in gorgeous satin brocades will be tops for brides, but they'll be in the conventional white, and worn with long and voluminous bridal veils, which, if you can get it, will be of rarest lace. Otherwise, veils will be tulle—unstinted yards of it.

SQUARED VEILS

The wedding of Lady Elizabeth Percy, daughter of the Duke of Northumberland, and Mistress of the Robes for Queen Elizabeth of

England, to the Marquess of Douglas, in London, set a style for squared veils. Lady Elizabeth's was priceless hairloom lace, hung from a tiara, and worn with a bridal dress of white brocaded satin. This wedding dress, shown No. 2, has a low, rounded neckline.

Since that momentous wedding united the Scottish Percys and Douglasses, who have been feuding like Kentucky hillbillies for centuries, the big dressmakers of London and Paris have hewed bridal veils to squared lines, and satin brocade is their favourite material.

Styles for the bridal party take their cue from another grand wedding, that of the Princess Frederika of Brunswick to Prince Paul of Greece, heir apparent to the crown of the Hellenes.

Blue and rose was the colour scheme for the feminine half of this wedding—blue in hyacinth shades combined with rose in the colour of pink roses. Molyneux of Paris dressed the attendants and important guests, led off by the Duchess of Kent.

DRAPED AT WAISTLINE

The former Princess Marina wore the dress shown No. 1. It is made of shimmering hyacinth blue satin, and cut on princess lines. The only break in the long, molded silhouette is a few gathers to drape it at the waistline.

Notice the lowish squared neckline, which is important because it okays the newest freedom of the neck, a leading fashion. The long sleeves of this model, set into deep armholes, are accented by draped folds of the satin, which outline them in front and soften the neckline also. A bow of the satin is placed at the front of the square

neckline.

The Duchess of Kent wore a wide blue hat and simple blue pumps.

Princess Paul of Yugoslavia wore the ensemble shown No. 3, which is all rose pink. The dress is made of heavy pink lace, with a very deep V-shaped neckline filled in with lace. Over a surplined drapery at the waistline there is a short, loose coat of pink silk crepe with tuxedo revers outlining the closing. Blue fox cuffs finish the loose sleeves. Princess Paul's toque is made of tiny pink flowers and covered with a flowing veil.

The real gorgeousness of beads and heavy embroideries in the royal

wedding in Athens an other grand nuptials has been reserved for the older women, who wear gowns literally covered with encrustations of sequins or embroidery. Princess Nicolas of Greece wore a long dress weighted with iridescent sequin embroidery. It is shown No. 4. Molyneux designed this gown and placed a cluster of shaded pink roses at the left side of the waistline. A sheer rose tulle yoke and sleeves fills in the top of the gown.

Princess Helen, mother of Crown Prince Michael of Rumania, wore a dress of silver lame with a long coat of blue velvet trimmed with beige fox.



FUTURE WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced:— Miss Fan Wai Fong, residing at 38 Bowring Street, Kowloon, to Mr. Martin Ritchie, of the same address.

Miss Ip Wai Yee, of 235 Des Voeux Road, Central, to Mr. Li Shi Yi, teacher in the Cheung Chan Government School.

Miss Yeung San Fong, residing at 185 Lai Chi Kok Road, Shamshui, to Mr. Koi Hing Lan of 28 Parkes Street, Kowloon.

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A Checkup Of Habits That Prove Handicaps In Social Life

How about taking time off to-day for a little checkup on a few of the things that make a woman attractive and the things that rob her of charm?

We all, more or less, develop set little habits, so much a part of us that we are blissfully unconscious of their destructiveness.

In an article on employment opportunities we noticed the great number of traits in people that prejudice employers against applicants. Naturally our interest was captured mainly by those traits that express age and lack of charm, and we've selected one of these as the beginning of our charm discussion to-day. It's the habit of holding the floor too long a time when telling a story.

Do you take the floor and hold forth at great length, dragging in every little detail of a story, going off on irrelevant tangents? Or do you make your story brief and pungent, eager not to hold your audience to the point of boredom? If the latter, you are younger and more interesting and more welcome.

Interrupting Common Habit

Another item connected with conversation is interrupting, a common habit and one also played up as an employer prejudice. It's only another way of wanting to take over the floor for self-exploitation, which easily results in boredom for the audience, if not in frank irritation.

We women too often are guilty of this offense against good taste and charm. We are so full of the numbers of things that seem to us should be as important to the other person as they are to us that we rattle on, holding to the I theme to the point of audience impatience if not exhaustion. "Wearing" is what we are called behind our backs, and wearing we are if we can't let the other person have his or her say, too.

Another conversational irritant and charm destroyer is chatter with nothing said. It's better to appear the wise individual who talks little. Somehow this chattering type can be dismissed or broken in on without hurt feelings, but a modern curse found at dinners, cocktail parties, teas, or other social gatherings is the woman or girl who must be "clever" all the time, just too full of clever quips and sallies, quotations and comments to be easy on the listener.

Conversational ease, poise and grace are charms to be studied, not so much to know what to say but to know what does annoy.

Cultivated Rudeness

We can't leave the talk theme without stressing the ugliness of being intentionally rude. In certain so-called "modern" cliques one finds rudeness cultivated to a contest point, the participants seemingly trying to see which can say the rudest thing.

We have been present at such contests when we wondered if the contestants ever would speak to each other again, so personally biting seemed the remarks to us. The fact that they may walk out arm in arm merely proves the whole performance to be an act, but a mighty unpleasant one, in our opinion, to a suffering audience.

Certainly it imparts an unwholesome flavor to any recollection of the participants. You check the "spectator" off as you hope you'll not run into again.

Anything that savours of ill temper registers and sticks. There is

no more becoming asset to man or woman than good nature. Apropos, a certain famous American woman reports her mother's advice in her girlhood: "Be pretty if you can, be witty if you must, but be agreeable if it kills you."

Criticism Is Bad Habit

The charm of control under embarrassing, difficult or awkward situations stamps its exponent as one of extreme grace. The least important person may become noticeably important because of this expression of power.

Something to check up on is the habit of criticizing every friend and acquaintance for some minor, or even major, fault or faults. A point to consider is embodied in the bromide that all the others can't be out of step.

When we fail in our contacts with others we may be fairly sure that it is some character weakness of our own that stops us. When we fail to overlook the character objections in others, or the behaviorisms, we put up a spite wall to keep out their nicer sides and succeed in isolating ourselves, which is no healthful or wholesome state for any one.

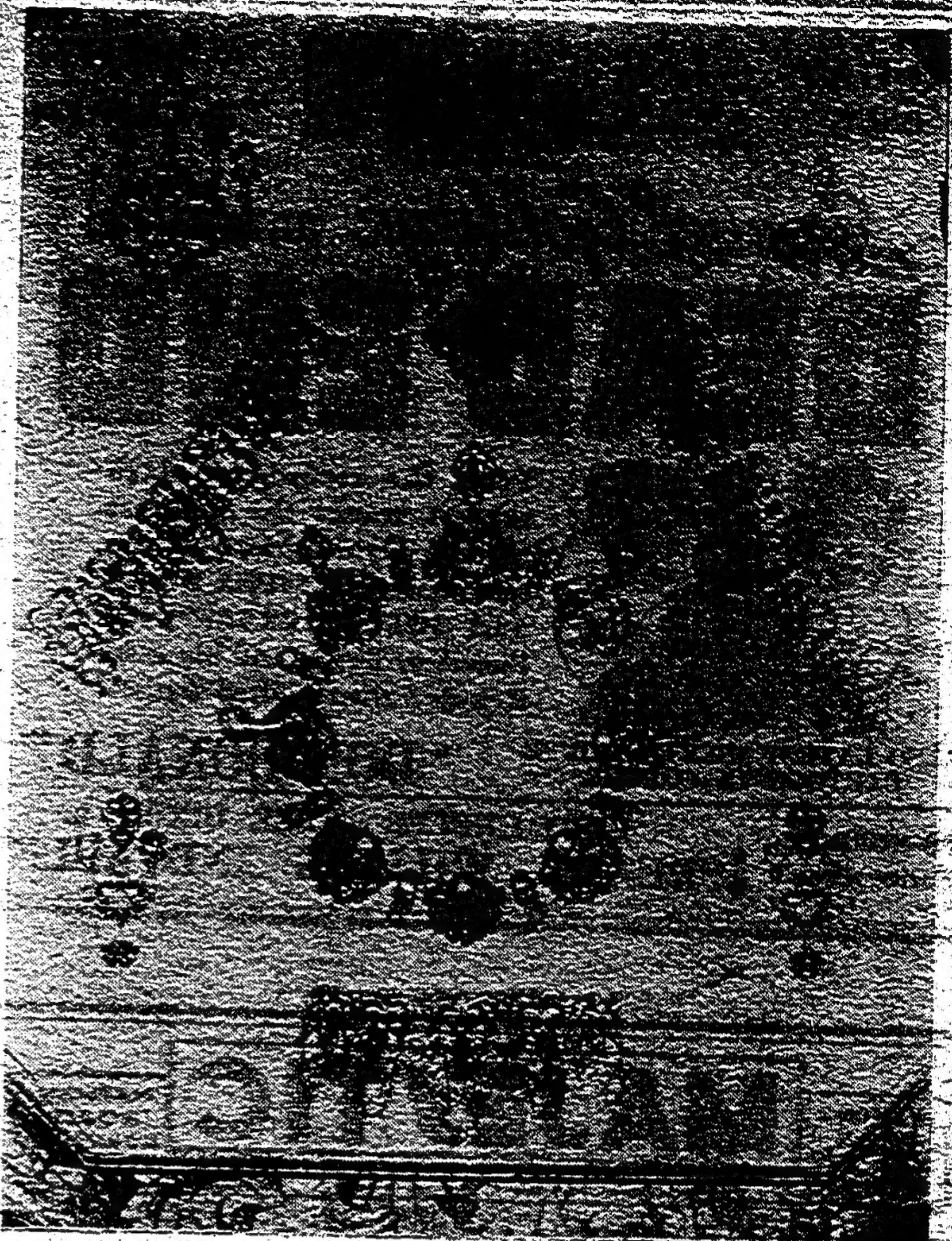
Setting out with prejudice against people is another theme for thought. Many of us do. We approach a social affair with the intention not to like some one of whom we may know little.

Where's The Button?

A place for everything and everything in its place, has always seemed like a rather smug saying to us, bringing up, as it does, a picture of some pinky prim following people around picking up after them and keeping things altogether too tidy for comfort. However, as every lady knows, clutter in itself makes a lot of extra work. So, especially where children are present in the home circle, a mother may find a few hints helpful for keeping the house in order and her temper in hand.

What do you do with your buttons, for example? Do you just dump them in a basket or box and then hunt frantically for just the right size for baby's underwear and waste many valuable minutes in the search? A young mother we know bought herself one of those partitioned stocking boxes, and separated her buttons into various size classifications. Now it only takes a minute to run to the button box and select a fastener of just the right size.

Do toys underfoot make your temper short and your home life hazardous? (You know, of course, that of the thousands of accidents each year, more are caused by home conditions than by automobile!) A toy box in almost every room is a great answer to the problem, especially if there are several children and the home does not provide a special play room. Ideally, of course, children should pick up all their toys and gather them in one cache. These suggestions are for when they don't. So why not put a chest in the corner of the living room—a pretty painted one perhaps for all informal room—with peasant decorations? A box on the sun porch is a help, too. And for toddlers, a small box in the kitchen is a boon to orderliness.



ROYAL JEWELS—These jewels given by Napoleon to Marie Louise in 1811, and now owned by Trabert and Hoeller, New York collectors, have been borrowed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for Greta Garbo, who will be seen wearing them in Marie Walewska. The set comprise a tiara, necklace, bracelet, earrings, ring and brooch.

How to treat your Parents

HOW TO TREAT MOTHER

Don't boast about being so modern. That makes her think that you're ashamed of her rather old-fashioned ideas.

And it also gives her the impression that she has lost the child to whom she taught the rules of life.

Don't take sides with mother or against her, when there is a rift in the family lute.

That sort of thing only makes it worse for her when your father gets her alone, for he is bound to say, "I won't have you putting my daughter against me!" whether he thinks she is or not!

You don't know everything, because your mother and father saw a lot of one another ages before you were even thought of.

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Don't forget to look after the things she lends you even more carefully than you would look after your own.

Mothers don't mind lending, but they expect care to be taken with borrowed garments and other things.

If mother offers to lend you something that you think rather old-fashioned, accept it, even if you don't use it!

Don't let her suspect that anything of hers is not good enough for you and your friends.

Keep your supercilious or high-brow friends away from your mother. It does no good to bring them home to make everyone feel uncomfortable.

Bring her some flowers occasionally, for they speak of mother love as much as they speak of another kind of love.

When you get engaged rush home and let your mother be the first to hear the news in the good old-fashioned style.

Remember that your gain will be her loss. It's up to you to treat the news gently and affectionately.

HOW TO TREAT FATHER

Don't be all superior when he tries to give you some advice. He means well, even if he does unconsciously play the "heavy father." It won't hurt you to be meek and say, dutifully, "Right, dad, I'll remember what you say."

You needn't take his advice, after all!

Don't be casual with him. Bear in mind that he's the chap who's paying for everything.

Don't give your men friends his cigarettes or cigars. If he's anything of a host he'll be adequately generous with such things.

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Don't echo your mother's words when she "goes for" him because he won't come in from the garden on Sundays.

He'll take it from your mother, but not from you!

Don't tease him too much, no man can stand too much teasing, even a father!

Take an interest in his garden and offer to cut the lawn occasionally.

ONE DAY NEARER

Every dark and wintry day is one day nearer Spring. One day nearer to that happy dawn when birds will sing, and daffodils will lift their golden trumpets to the breeze; when sap will rise and rosy buds burst out upon the trees. Every day we move a little nearer to the sun. If we want to Spring time then the Wintertime must run—its course of grey and bitter days—of fog and frost and snow; don't grumble. God knows best. The seasons come—the seasons go.

The Winter is a stillness and a darkness and a sleep. But not a death. For in the earth the roots of life go deep. A rest, then, a quietude, a glow new burgundy; every dark and wintry day is one day nearer Spring.

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**SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR'S
ACCUSATION**

London, To-day.

The Chairman's Sub-committee of the Non-Intervention Committee has been convened for Thursday morning.

This will be the first meeting of the Committee for many weeks.

It is understood the purpose of the meeting is to seek a clarification of the position of the various governments on the questions of the withdrawal of non-Spanish nationals fighting in Spain and of the re-establishment of control by land and sea.

These questions have been under negotiation between the chairman, Lord Plymouth, and representatives on the Committee for some considerable time.

COMMONS' QUESTIONS

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs was asked in the Commons if it was the practice of the Government to bring to the notice of the non-intervention committee all verified breaches of the non-intervention agreement.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that the Government had asked the non-intervention committee to investigate information regarding some thirteen alleged breaches and since the observation scheme had been put into operation three had not been the same necessity for individual Governments to bring to the notice of the Committee, alleged breaches. The International Board were clearly in a far better position to secure evidence.

CHARGE DENIED

The Minister strongly denied the suggestion of the Liberal leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, that the failure of the Government to bring breaches before the non-intervention committee was due to a reluctance to have the Italian Government convicted.—British Wireless.

**PREMIER MEETS
EMPLOYERS**

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister and the Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, Sir Thomas Inskip, last evening received the representatives of the National Confederation of Employers' Organisations at No. 10, Downing Street.

Mr. Chamberlain had invited them to discuss the acceleration of the defence programme. Last week the Prime Minister saw the General Council of the Trades Union Council on the same subject.—British Wireless.

**LEAGUE TO TAKE
CARE OF REFUGEES**

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons whether he intended to propose to the League Council that Austrian refugees be placed under the League's protection, the Prime Minister said His Majesty's Government were giving consideration to this question, the importance of which was fully appreciated.

Mr. Chamberlain added: "I am not yet in a position to make a statement on the subject."—British Wireless.

**IN CHINA
POLITICS**

Hankow, To-day.

A three-point proposal for strengthening the unity of all parties, creation of an organ representing public opinion and mobilisation of the populace, is contained in to-day's leading article in the Chinese Communist Party organ, "Hsin Hsu Jih Pao."

Referring to the first proposal, the Communist newspaper states: "Only allowing the existence of one political party, and refusing legal status to other parties, is not permitted by the realities, while abolition of all parties and merging them into one, is impossible."

"Therefore we propose the organisation of a People's Revolutionary Alliance under the following three principles:

"Firstly, a joint policy adopted by all parties to be followed by individual parties."

"Secondly, representatives of the various parties to organise a united administration to formulate an anti-Japanese programme and adjust party affairs, and"

"Thirdly, all parties participating in the alliance will retain their own political organisational independence."—Reuter.

**AUSTRIAN
OFFICERS ON
"RETIRED LIST"**

Vienna, to-day.

Trans-Ocean learns from authoritative military quarters here that a small number of Austrian officers of high rank were "placed on the retired list" with the right to draw pension, when the Austrian army was incorporated with that of the Reich.

The officers retired include the commanders of the Styrian and Tyrolean divisions, who, according to foreign press reports, had refused to swear allegiance to Herr Hitler.

This is denied officially, it being alleged that the officers had already been retired.

Other officers retired include those who "had to be removed for political reasons or for technical incapability."—Trans-Ocean.

JOCKEY THROWN

(By "RAPIER")

Whilst taking out Lucky Seven, a 1938 subscription griffin belonging to Mr. Lucky, for its exercise this morning, Mr. K. S. Shu, the Northern jockey, was thrown near the six furlongs post.

Fortunately, he fell near the grass embankment, thus saving himself from any serious injury, and he was able to return on foot to the Jockey Room.

The pony ran back to the stable and was later taken out by a Chinese riding boy, but Mr. Shu was not seen out again during the rest of the morning.

FAMED AMERICAN WAR FIGURE, COLONEL HOUSE, PASSES AT EIGHTY

New York, To-day.

The death occurred yesterday of one of the most famous Americans of the Great War period, Colonel Edward Mandell House, at the age of 80.

A Texan, the late Colonel House (whose title was honorary) was largely instrumental by his support of the Democratic candidate, in getting Woodrow Wilson elected President.

He was President Wilson's right-hand man in the conduct of foreign affairs, and was the Chief Executive's personal representative in Europe in 1914, 1915 and 1916. He made a momentous visit to Germany just before the War and interviewed the Kaiser. It was during this visit that Col. House formed the opinion that war was inevitable.

ALLIED WAR COUNCIL

He was the chief United States delegate at the Allied War Council, and represented the United States at the making of the Armistice at Versailles. From 1918 to 1919 he was United States Peace Commissioner at Versailles.

He was also a member of the Commission charged with the task of making the Covenant for the League of Nations, and in 1919, was a member of the Commission on Mandates.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT ROOSEVELT VICTORY

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt yesterday secured a notable victory, the Senate by 49 votes to 42 passing the Bill giving the President sweeping powers to re-organise the executive departments.

Opponents of the Bill bitterly denounced the measure as giving the President virtually dictatorial powers.

Congressmen over the week-end received over 100,000 telegraphed protests against the Bill.—Reuter.

DEATHS OF TWO HOCKEY PLAYER ANGELICAN BISHOPS FOUND DEAD

London, To-day.

The death of two Bishops occurred yesterday. Dr. Greig, first Bishop of the See of Guildford, formed in 1927, and previously Bishop of Gibraltar, died in a London nursing home, aged 73. He took a very active part in the preparation for the building of the new Cathedral which was only the third Anglican Cathedral to be built in England since the Reformation the foundation stone of which was laid at Guildford in the summer of 1936.

Bishop Taylor Smith, former Bishop of Sierra Leone, and Chaplain General to the Forces from 1908 to 1925, died suddenly at sea on board the liner Orion.—British Wireless.

Grim tragedy was revealed yesterday afternoon when relatives entering the bedroom of Mr. J. P. Noronha, employed in the Police accounts department and well known locally as a hockey player, found him dead in bed.

Deceased who had not attended office during the day, owing to indisposition, is believed to have died as the result of lysol poisoning, self administered.

A post mortem is being held this morning.

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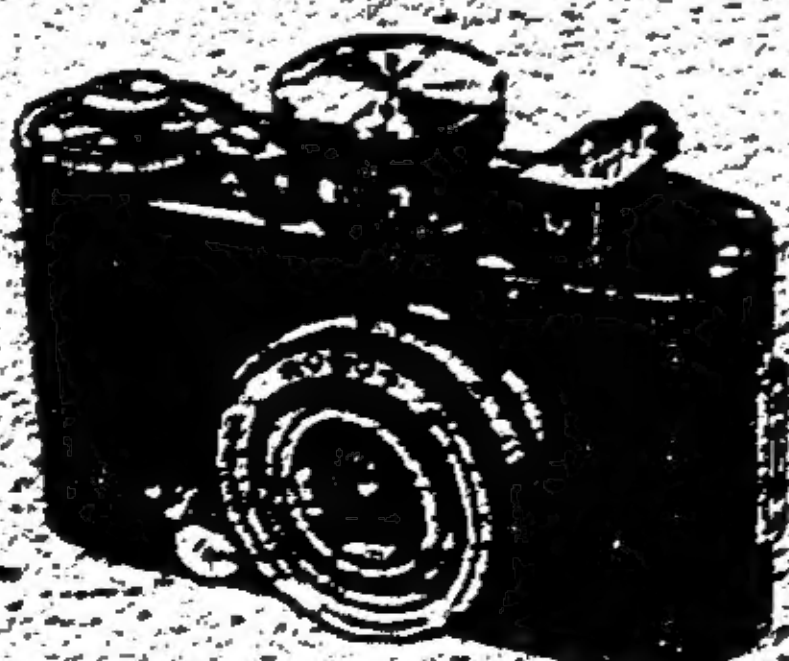
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LORD NOEL BUXTON'S SUGGESTION FOR SOLUTION IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

London, To-day.

In a letter to the "Manchester Guardian," Lord Noel-Buxton repeats his suggestion that a plebiscite should be held in Czecho-Slovakia after the pattern of the plebiscite held in the Saar in January, 1935, to allow the 3,500,000 Sudeten Germans in Czecho-Slovakia to decide their own fate.

Lord Noel-Buxton suggests that a body composed exclusively of neutrals, should be appointed for arranging such a plebiscite.

Britain, which is the trusted friend of Czecho-Slovakia and also likely to be regarded as impartial by Germany, he declares, might take the initiative in bringing the Sudeten German issue before the international forum.

VOTERS' CHOICES

Voters, says the writer, should be given the choice between the status quo, with certain concessions by the Czech Government, transfer outright to the German Reich and some sort of local autonomy, particularly cultural.

Votes would be counted by small districts, so as to reflect the distribution of the different sympathies, and so that districts adjacent to the German frontiers voting in favour of union with the Reich might be transferred to Germany and autonomous districts established within Czecho-Slovakia territory if voters in other districts decide in favour of creation of such a settlement of the suggested kind.

This, says Lord Noel-Buxton would constitute a triumph for the principle of legality, and it would make war in Eastern Europe unnecessary as well as improbable.—Trans-Ocean.

HELIUM REPORT DENIED

Berlin, To-day.

A semi-official denial was issued yesterday of a foreign press report that Germany had refused to give an assurance to the United States that she would not use supplies of helium from America for military purposes.

It will be recalled that the United States refused to ship helium to Germany for fear that it would be used for other than commercial zeppelin purposes.—Trans-Ocean.

LONDON-ISTANBUL HIGHWAY

Vienna, To-day.

Realization of a long-cherished dream, a modern highway connecting London with Istanbul, has been brought a step nearer with announcement of a major road-building programme for Austria.

One of the new roads to be constructed is a highway between Salzburg and Linz, which will be opened to traffic in 1941 and will be an important link in the London-Istanbul route.—Reuter.

BLUM STRIVES TO END STRIKE

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Leon Blum, and the Cabinet are still trying to bring the strikes in the metal and engineering factories, especially the aircraft works, to an end.

They have attended an unbroken series of conferences with employers and leaders of the strikers during the week-end, and are continuing the negotiations to-day.—Reuter.

FRENCH FINANCE BILLS FOR CHAMBER

PARIS, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL BILLS WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHAMBER TILL FRIDAY OR SATURDAY.

The Government will demand immediate debate on the measures, since the Premier is anxious to have them passed before the Easter recess.

The Premier's plan, it is understood, does not provide for any control of foreign exchange, a compulsory loan embargo on the export of gold or compulsory conversion of Renten.

There is talk of tax alleviation for certain depressed industries.—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN AIR EXPANSION

Rome, To-day.

On the eve of the fifteenth anniversary of the foundation of the Italian air force, 29 airports, 26 mobilisation depots and five pilot training schools were inaugurated in Italy.

Fuel and ammunition depots are being distributed over especially suitable territory.

Most important of the new training schools is the technical training school at Florence, consisting of eight buildings and covering an area of 13,400 square miles.

Yesterday morning Signor Mussolini held a review of all air force units of the Rome garrison at Rome aerodrome, and attended air manoeuvres.

Later the Duce distributed decorations to the relatives of Italian airmen killed in action.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH EFFORTS TO BRING NORMALITY TO SHANGHAI

Labour Questioners Harass Mr. R. A. Butler

SEVERE FIGHTING WITHIN 60 MILES OF SETTLEMENT

London, To-day.

The main hostilities had moved about 200 miles from Shanghai, but severe fighting between Chinese guerilla bands and Japanese troops had occurred within 60 miles of the city, said Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in a Common answer yesterday to Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston).

The British Government, he said, was doing everything possible to assure a return to normal peace-time conditions.

Mr. Moreing pointed out that the International Settlement police were perfectly able to maintain order all over the Settlement, and wished steps to be taken, in the interests of British and other countries' trade, for removal of the Japanese troops.

Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Labour) asked on what grounds the Japanese justify retention of their troops in the Settlement.

"SAME RIGHTS?"

Mr. Butler replied that they had the same rights as other countries in regard to the stationing of troops in Shanghai.

Mr. Moreing asked if Mr. Butler really suggested that Japanese occupation of Hongkew and Yangtse-poo could be compared to our and the French action in stationing troops in the International Settlement.

No answer was given.—Reuter.

HUNDREDS OF WOUNDED PASS THROUGH SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

In the last few days, although the Japanese have attempted to preserve secrecy, hundreds of wounded soldiers have been brought through Shanghai and placed on hospital ships.

The majority have come from the area to the south-west of Shanghai where guerillas are reported to have inflicted severe casualties in the area between Hangchow and Kashing.

The garrison of Kashing is reported to be under siege.

The Chinese also claim that Kwangteh, which was retaken last week by Japanese "mopping-up" troops, is again in Chinese hands following a sanguinary encounter in which practically the entire Japanese garrison was wiped out.—Our Own Correspondent.

TOKYO DIET'S SESSION OVER

Tokyo, To-day.

The Diet has concluded its session after giving its approval to all the Government's bills, 110 in all, including the National Mobilisation Bill.

A series of bills relating to new taxation, and also the ordinary and extraordinary budgets, amounting to 8,400,000,000 yen, were passed without demur.

On the other hand, the Electricity

MODERN ARMS A FACTOR

Shanghai, To-day.

Foreign military observers here attribute the Chinese military successes to use of modern armaments, employment of mechanized units, better co-ordination among divisions, support of the air force and new strategy.

Chinese morale is greatly strengthened by the sweeping victories.—International.

JAPANESE CLAIMS IN ANTARCTIC

Shanghai, To-day.

According to "Domei" reports from Tokyo, the Foreign Office will shortly claim certain regions in the Antarctic Zone as belonging to Japan.

It is stated the foreign countries have already been unofficially informed of Japan's intention.—Our Own Correspondent.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anti-cyclone covers China, Japan and the neighbouring seas.

Pressure is highest to the north of the Yangtse Valley.

Local forecast:—N. E. winds, moderate; fair.

SMALLPOX

After showing a decline for several days, the smallpox returns for Hong Kong in the past 24 hours again registered an increase.

In this period, 35 further cases were notified to the local Health Department. Twenty-six were in Victoria, eight in Kowloon and one in Shaukiwan.

Control Bill was fiercely contested and got through only after the Government had agreed to accept certain amendments.

Japanese industrial circles express themselves highly satisfied with these results, which are regarded as having strengthened the position of the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

KING BORIS GROUP WINS ELECTION

Sofia, To-day.

Candidates in the Bulgarian general election supporting King Boris's non-party government won 103 seats as compared with the opposition's 57 seats.—Reuter.

ROBBER'S TWO HOURS IN A BEDROOM

Sui Pui-mui, a married woman, residing at No. 15, Man Cheong Fong, Happy Valley, has reported that shortly after two o'clock this morning a man entered her bedroom through an open window and stole money to the value of \$192.

The intruder stayed for almost two hours, demanding that she open a safe. She endeavoured to do so, but apparently because of nervousness could not get the combination right. The safe contained over \$1,000. The thief then started to search the room and to threaten the woman. She reached a window and attempted to call for assistance, but the thief menaced her with a knife he found on the dressing table. In a struggle, the woman was struck in the hand, receiving a slight wound. The thief escaped by climbing to the roof up a water pipe.

BRITAIN AND MEXICAN OIL EXPROPRIATION

London, To-day.

Answering several questions concerning the recent expropriation of foreign oil interests in Mexico, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs said the Government had under consideration various steps which might be open to them to take to deal with the situation.

The Minister in Mexico had kept them fully informed and they were in close touch with the British interests concerned.

The House might rest assured that the Government would do their best to safeguard British investments in Mexico.

In the meantime, Mr. Butler referred Members to the assurance of the President of Mexico published in the Press last week that the expropriation measures taken against the foreign oil interests would not be extended to other interests.—British Wireless.

POLISH LEGATION CLOSED

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Legation in Vienna has been abolished, says an official announcement, and the affairs of the former Legation have been transferred to the Berlin Embassy.

The former Polish Minister in Vienna has been recalled to the Warsaw Foreign Office.—Trans-Ocean.

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CANTON'S HOLIDAY ON ANNIVERSARY

Canton, To-day.

Chinese banks, the Customs and other major business concerns in Canton were closed to-day on the anniversary of the 72 Martyrs, who gave their lives in the abortive rebellion here in March, 1911, which was the stepping stone to the throw of the Manchu regime and creation of a united Republic.

Two ceremonies were held during the early hours of this morning at the 72 Martyrs Monument and Sun Yat-sen's Memorial Hall, both of which were attended by Governor Wu Teh-chen.

In the course of his speech, Governor Wu stated:

47 NEW WARSHIPS THIS YEAR: WORLD'S BIGGEST AIRCRAFT-CARRIER

If the present rapid building schedule is maintained, more than 47 fighting ships should be added to the British Navy this year. The following vessels are expected to commission before the end of 1938:

Type	Tons
One aircraft-carrier	22,600

"We will always remember their heroism in the same manner that history will remember the patriotism of the hundreds of thousands of Chinese soldiers who in the past months have died on battlefields in resisting foreign aggression." — Reuter.

Three cruisers	27,360
32 destroyers	56,000
11 submarines	10,790

Total 47 Total 116,690

The aircraft carrier Ark Royal is due for completion in July. With a speed of nearly 31 knots, hanger space for 70 aircraft, and an armament of 16 4.5in anti-aircraft guns, she is the world's most modern floating aerodrome.

During the year the cruisers Liverpool, Manchester and Gloucester will come into service. They are sister ships of 9,300 tons, with a speed of 33 knots, and mount 12

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GOVERNMENT VEToes THAMES BARRAGE PLAN

London, To-day.

Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Transport, announced yesterday that the Government will be compelled to veto the project for construction of a Thames barrage at Woolwich, because the Committee of Imperial Defence had reported from the defence aspect such a barrage would have very serious consequences.

Consequently the Port of London Authority had decided that no useful service would be served by proceeding with the enquiry into the proposal.

The proposed dam would have been 1,500 feet across and would have carried road and rail tracks and would have contained six locks for ships. Its general effect would have been to maintain a constant waterlevel and prevent floods. — Reuter.

INQUIRY SUSPENDED

The Port of London Authority has suspended the inquiry recently begun into the construction of a barrage across the Thames within the Port of London for the purpose of the creation of a non-tidal waterway through the centre of the metropolis.

The inquiry would serve no useful purpose in view of the opinion of the Imperial Defence Committee, communicated by the Transport Minister, that such a barrage would have serious disadvantages. — British Wireless.

6in guns and eight 4in anti-aircraft weapons, besides multiple pom-poms and many lighter pieces.

32 DESTROYERS

Of the 32 destroyers which will probably be ready this year, 16 belong to the large and powerful Tribal class, the heaviest torpedo craft so far built for the British Navy. In pre-war days they would have been rated as third-class cruisers.

They are ships of 1,850 tons, with a speed of 36 knots. The armament consists of eight 4.7in guns in twin turrets, eight smaller guns, and four torpedo tubes. This type was built as a reply to the super-destroyers of certain foreign navies.

The remaining 16 destroyers comprise the Javelin and Kelly classes, of 1,650 tons and 36 knots, armed with six 4.7in guns in turrets and 10 torpedo tubes.

MORE STILL TO BE BUILT

Among the submarines due for completion this year are two large mine-layers, five ocean patrol boats and four coastal boats.

In addition to the 47 new vessels enumerated, nine minesweepers, escort vessels, and patrol units should be completed during 1938. When all these ships are in commission, the following will still remain under construction:

Five battleships of 35,000 tons.
Four aircraft-carriers of 23,000 tons.
Two cruisers of 10,000 tons.
Five cruisers of 8,000 tons.
Seven cruisers of 5,450 tons.
Eight destroyers of 1,650 tons.
Seven submarines of 1,100 tons.
All these vessels are scheduled for completion before the end of 1940. The building programme for 1938, to be announced in the near future, is expected to provide for a further 250,000 tons of battleships, cruisers and smaller craft.

SHOULD HUSBANDS AND WIVES HAVE SEPARATE FRIENDS?

2 EVENINGS LATER

On Jim, I wish you didn't go out so often in the evenings. I see so little of you these days.

Sorry I can't be home for dinner darling - I've got to attend that Sports Club Committee tonight. I'll have a bite in town.

NEXT MORNING

I know Mr. A. right Jim having his own friends Mother. It's the modern idea but it does worry me. I see so little of him.

These modern theories are all very well Ann. But when I was young we'd say that a man who stayed out in the evenings usually had a dull, lifeless wife at home.

THEN ANN READ A MAGAZINE ARTICLE - IT SAID:

"Too many wives feel constantly tired, listless and 'nervy.' This tells on their looks frightfully."

HEAVENS! THAT'S ME! I must see a doctor about myself.

AT THE DOCTOR'S

You say you always wake tired, and feel washed out and dull, that's bound to tell on your looks. Your trouble is Night Starvation. My advice is: Horlicks at bedtime.

SO HORLICKS EVERY NIGHT

AND WHAT AN IMPROVEMENT IN HOW ANN FELT AND LOOKED

6 WEEKS LATER

My goodness, the nicest place in the world is here with you, Ann, by the fireside!

Do you wake tired every morning? Look tired? Feel nervy?

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NIGHT STARVATION

The Hon. Eusebio Rodriguez, Secretary of Commerce and Agriculture of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, speaking at a dinner given in his honour by a group of local businessmen, Mr. Chan Mo-Hua, local manager of Messrs. A. K. Pritz and Co., who, it was announced during the evening, are shortly to commence sale of stock in the Haussermann Consolidated Investments, is seen on the extreme left.

GERMANY'S RENAISSANCE

Herr Hitler's Plebiscite Speech In Berlin

CZECHS OFFER NEW STATUTE FOR MINORITIES

Prague, To-day.

The first official Czecho-Slovakian statement on the international situation since the recent crisis, was made over the radio last night by the Premier, Dr. Hodza.

Dr. Hodza said that Mr. Neville Chamberlain's House of Commons speech had shown that the British Prime Minister rightly understood the declaration which he (Dr. Hodza) had made in the Czech Parliament on March 4.

Furthermore, Berlin had given to understand in a semi-official statement that Germany had no intention of interfering in the domestic affairs of Czecho-Slovakia.

BRITISH SIGNATURE

Mr. Chamberlain had also referred to the minority problem in Czecho-Slovakia, and he would point out that this was based on the Minority Agreement of St. Germain, to which Britain had also appended her signature.

He was well aware that part of the population found itself in disagreement with the results of February 18, but Czecho-Slovakia had adopted a generous attitude towards the question of minorities.

NEW STATUTE

The Czech Government would now go a step further and would draw up a Minority Statute in order to prove that Czecho-Slovakia was doing everything possible for its minorities.

In doing so it was acting of its own free will and was not giving way to pressure from outside. — Trans-Ocean.

FRANCO'S REPLY TO PROTESTS

London, To-day.

General Franco's reply to the British representations on the subject of the recent bombing of Barcelona and other open towns, has been received in London.

It is reported that Gen. Franco emphatically denies that the objective of the raids was the civilian population, and reiterates the accusation that Barcelona contained many military objectives, such as munitions factories and depots.

Gen. Franco gives the assurance that he will avoid, as far as possible, air raids on open towns, and that such raids will only be carried out when dictated by military necessities. — Trans-Ocean.

He Who Wants To Condemn Shall Write "No"

Berlin, To-day.

Germany is becoming prouder, richer, more beautiful and self-confident, declared Herr Hitler in a speech to 20,000 people at the Sport Palast here yesterday.

The Fuehrer demanded that every German vote in the plebiscite on April 10, adding "He who wants to condemn us shall write his 'no'."

He declared that more National-Socialists had been murdered in Austria than in the whole of Germany.

"They say I am a tyrant, and these murderers are supposed to be democrats."

"The world praises them, and just as in Spain the democratic hypocrites do not care a hoot, but they will suddenly wake up when a Jew in Vienna loses his business." — Reuter.

PRES. WILSON

Berlin, To-day.

At the outset of his election speech Herr Hitler recalled that President Wilson and the Allied Powers themselves proclaimed the right to self-determination of all peoples, and that one of President Wilson's Fourteen Points provided that freedom should be restored to various peoples composing the former Hapsburg Empire in accordance with their wishes.

Instead of keeping this promise, however, they had separated 10,000,000 Germans from their Fatherland and had incorporated them in other states.

It was not surprising, therefore, that with National-Socialist accession to power, these Germans wanted to return. National-Socialism's aim had always been to reconcile people and not to set class against class.

GERMAN IDEAL

"I cannot imagine any true German not being captivated by this ideal."

After its mutilation, he said, Austria had no further mission nor any political or economic basis or continued existence, and although the Reich had completely collapsed, Austrians responded even then to the call of blood and wished to join the Reich.

Herr Hitler then painted a picture of what he termed Austrian economic and spiritual distress.

AUSTRIAN COMPARISONS

In the Austria of Schuschnigg, he said, sixteen Germans were hanged as common thieves for believing in Germany.

More than 1,000 were shot, and more than 40,000 exiled.

All this happened and the world still called this democracy.

"I, on the other hand, allow people to take part again and again in all great historic decisions, and yet they still call me a dictator." — Trans-Ocean.

A boat, valued at \$50 and owned by Boy H. Witty, of the Middlesex Regiment, has been reported stolen from the military pier at Shamsingpo by Lieut. Langley.

SINGAPORE'S CONTRIBUTION TO DEFENCE

London, To-day.

The Colonial Secretary in the Commons, said the Governor of the Straits Settlements had reported to him that on 14th February, the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements adopted a motion for the payment of \$500,000 — approximately \$58,000 — to His Majesty's Government as a gift towards the cost of Imperial Defence.

The Governor had, at Mr. Ormsby Gore's request, expressed to the Council, the grateful appreciation of His Majesty's Government for this further generous gift which was in addition to the Colony's annual contribution towards the cost of defence of the Straits Settlements, and to the sums voted for the Colony's volunteer naval, military and air forces.

The Minister added: "I am glad to have this opportunity of expressing the Government's appreciation of this further gift from the colony and of the spirit of co-operation of which it is still another practical example." — British Wireless.

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CHINA'S EXCHANGE

Disapproval manifested on the Shanghai money market when China's foreign exchange restrictions were first announced lends credence to the suspicion in some quarters that the startling crash of China National Currency has not been wholly in obedience to normal economic causes. The heavily bearish activity has borne little apparent relation to legitimate merchant requirements: and no surprise would be occasioned were it to be demonstrated that the "bears" were a distinctly Japanese complexion.

The circumstances have been such, indeed, that the Finance Ministry would be guilty of a grave error were the situation in Shanghai to lead to an over-hasty revision of the exchange regulations, a step which would surrender the national currency more than ever to the mercy of the speculators, and at the same time subject the foreign exchange and silver reserves of the National Government to such a strain as would test the stability of the dollar more severely and legitimately than present-day Shanghai operations are likely to do. Exchange restrictions are never popular. The handicaps they place upon the normal course of international trade are well known and understood. No government, however, will introduce control measures without good and sufficient reason, or for any other purpose than to protect the currency from outside pressure. China's regulations are mild in comparison with those in force in many other countries. Japan herself has a system of control much more rigid and onerous than anything yet contemplated by the Finance Ministry of the National Government. It is lacking, the Brigade must have discovered them last evening in panic (or politically-inspired pressure) rather than a sound analysis of the pros and cons of the situation which has provoked the disturbing crash in Shanghai.

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phasized: one, that China is at war; two, that Shanghai is in a Japanese-controlled area. It would be a tactical error, that the war demands the conservation of China's reserves of foreign currency for war purposes and that the fostering of normal trading facilities in Shanghai, because it is within a Japanese-controlled area, might well be regarded as a tactical error. That attitude has not been adopted. When the allotment was made last week, it fell short of the requests but it remained substantial. There were, it is true, complaints of discrimination, but to a certain extent this, too, can be understood. Some observers doubtless wondered that the Finance Ministry agreed to release foreign exchange holdings to Japanese banks even to the extent of five per cent. The main point is that, however regrettable it may be, and putting all sympathies aside, the Finance Ministry might well ask for what reason they should capitulate to a Shanghai which contributes little or nothing, under present conditions, to the stability of China's internal economy, at the risk of jeopardising her ability to meet foreign exchange commitments for war purposes, particularly at a moment when the tide of battle has turned temporarily or otherwise, distinctly in China's favour. That is apart altogether from the wider issue that if, in a free market, China's currency was sufficiently trustworthy to maintain its normal parity with sterling and the dollar, fundamentally it is not weakened by the decision to adopt measures for the conservation of reserves. In this connection, it has to be remembered that the main inducement was not the drain upon those reserves, but a natural desire to furnish protection against the notes of the so-called Federated Reserve Bank of North China. No more than an elementary knowledge of money functions is demanded for recognition of the principle that a bad money will always drive out a good. The Finance Ministry's decision to place a check upon Japan's power of pressure was inevitable, and must be supported, in principle, by any sound banking or business institution.

St. John Ambulance

Warm tributes which His Excellency the Governor paid last evening to the work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Hong Kong, and to the Director of Ambulance, Mr. Alfred Morris, were more than well merited. The contribution which the Brigade makes to the health and the well-being of the community is of incalculable importance, largely because the enthusiasm and energy of its principal organisers have led to such an extension of the range and scope of its activities that their maintenance has become indispensable both to Government and community. Official recognition and appreciation have, of course, been demonstrated on more than one occasion, but has there been lacking, the Brigade must have discovered them last evening in panic (or politically-inspired pressure) rather than a sound analysis of the pros and cons of the situation which has provoked the disturbing crash in Shanghai.

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JAPANESE LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 40,000

Retreat Continues: Withdrawing To Paotu Hills

HITLER TO PLAY ROLE IN ANGLO-ITALIAN AGREEMENT?

ROME, TO-DAY.

OPTIMISM REGARDING THE ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS CONTINUES, AND IT IS THOUGHT AN AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE REACHED BEFORE EASTER.

The agreement, however, will not be signed until after Herr Hitler's visit to Rome at the beginning of May.

The British Foreign Office expert, Mr. G. M. Rendell, yesterday had a long talk with an Italian expert, and it is believed they discussed questions connected with Palestine, the Suez Canal and the Red Sea. — Reuter.

GRAVE SERIES OF OUTRAGES IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

Arab brigands shot and killed four out of nine Jewish passengers in a taxi cab on the Safad-Acre road yesterday afternoon. Three of the other passengers are missing, while the two survivors reached Safad.

The dead are a father, his 12-year-old son, an aged mother and her daughter.

A police patrol rushed to the spot and engaged the brigands who numbered a score. At least three of the murderers were killed. — Reuter.

DOCTOR SHOT

Jerusalem, To-day.

A Jewish doctor was shot and killed on the main coastal road yesterday, while two Arab buses were ambushed sixteen miles from Jerusalem, on the main road to Hebron.

The passengers were robbed but there were no casualties. — Reuter.

GERMANS FOUND SHOT DEAD

Jerusalem, To-day.

Passports found on the bodies have definitely revealed the identity of two Jews found shot dead near the British military cemetery yesterday.

The men were brothers who had recently emigrated from Germany. One of them had been received into the Catholic Church.

The brothers had visited the Benedictine Abbey on the Mount of Olives on Sunday evening, and were apparently killed on their way back.

No trace of the assailants has been found. — Trans-Ocean.

Chinese Smash Through And Occupy Tsining

Hankow, To-day.

Continuing their advance along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway north of Hsuehchow, the Chinese troops have completed the recapture of Lincheng, and are pursuing the Japanese who are retreating from Lincheng and also from Tsao-chwang towards the Paotu mountains.

Severe fighting is also reported along the line from Tsining to Yenchow, west of the T.P.R.

It is officially announced that the Chinese have recaptured Tsining, the western terminus of the line.

The last week's fighting in the vicinity of the Grand Canal has caused severe losses to both sides.

It is estimated that Japanese losses are not less than 40,000 killed and wounded, while large quantities of stores both at Lincheng and Tsining have fallen into Chinese hands.

TIDE TURNED

"The tide has turned against the Japanese," stated a Chinese spokesman when questioned regarding the successes the Chinese troops have acquired during the last week.

It has been confirmed that the Japanese threat to Hsuehchow, Kaifeng and Chengchow, has been entirely eradicated. Gunfire is no longer audible in either of these three important towns. — Our Own Correspondent.

LARGE REINFORCEMENT FROM JAPAN

Shanghai, To-day.

According to a reliable source thousands of fresh Japanese soldiers have been pouring into Shanghai and Hangchow from Japan during the last week.

The utmost secrecy has been maintained regarding the landing of the troops, the facts concerning which was only learned last evening.

Most of the new forces are being despatched to Lung-Hai area to relieve those who have been fighting without rest for almost two months.

It is believed that the Japanese plan a large scale offensive on the southern sector of the T.P.R. immediately after the replacements have taken up their positions along the front line.

The troops were sent from Japan a few days prior to the passage of the National Mobilisation Bill through the House of Peers. — Our Own Correspondent.

SEVERE CLASH IN KAILAN COALMINE AREA

Peking, To-day.

Fifteen miners were killed and 40 wounded in fighting which occurred yesterday between 3,000 armed Chinese coal miners and the British-owned Kailan Mining Administration and local militia at Tongshan. The militia suffered eight killed and an unknown number of wounded.

The miners, who have been on strike since last Friday, occupied the Kailan Mining Administration offices, which are in a state of disorder.

It is feared that the Kailan police may be unable to control the situation.

A British consular official from Tientsin has left for Tongshan to investigate the trouble. The source from which the miners obtained their weapons remains a mystery. — Reuter.

FOAL AT JOCKEY CLUB STABLES

(By "RAPIER")

The Great Triumph, a bay mare of 13.2 subscription griffin belonging to Mr. Trumvirate, foaled last night at the stable, the delivery being aided by the veterinary surgeon.

Mother and son are doing well. Mr. L. Dunbar's Wild Life was the last mare to give birth at the Jockey Club Stables.

ASAMA MARU SLIPS OFF

FIRST RESULTS OF DOLLAR SLUMP

Shanghai, To-day.

First result of the slump in the Shanghai dollar was seen yesterday when the foreign oil companies increased the price of petrol by 10 per cent. It is feared that the prices of other imported articles will also rise.

Although the official rate for U.S. dollars yesterday was 29, outside the market rates went as low as 22. — Trans-Ocean.

Under cover of darkness with two engines working and escorted by a Japanese salvage boat, the N.Y.K. liner Asama Maru, quickly slipped out of harbour for Japan shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday.

The vessel was taken out from the Taikoo Dockyard walls, on Saturday and anchored in mid-stream off North Point until last evening.

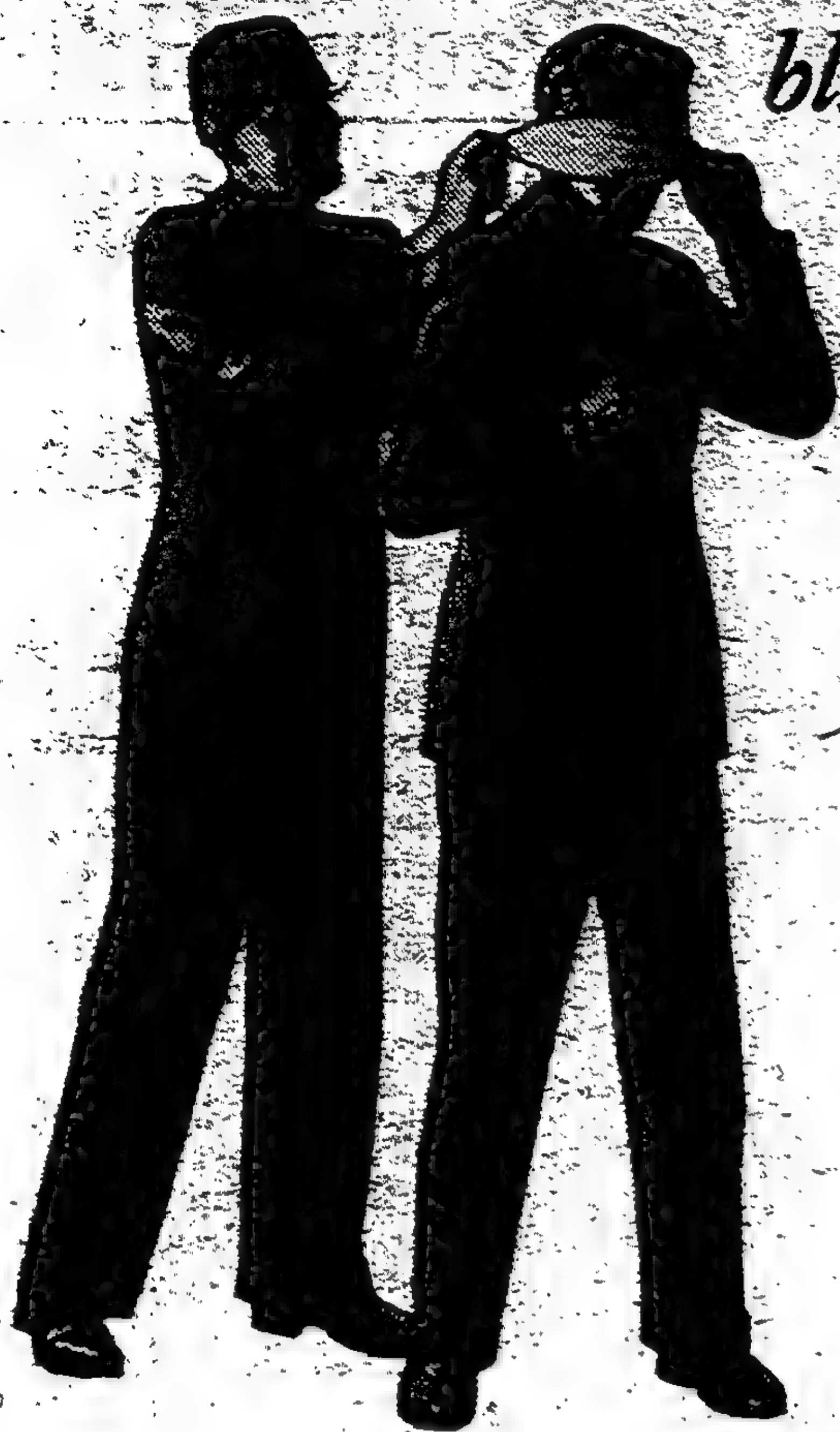
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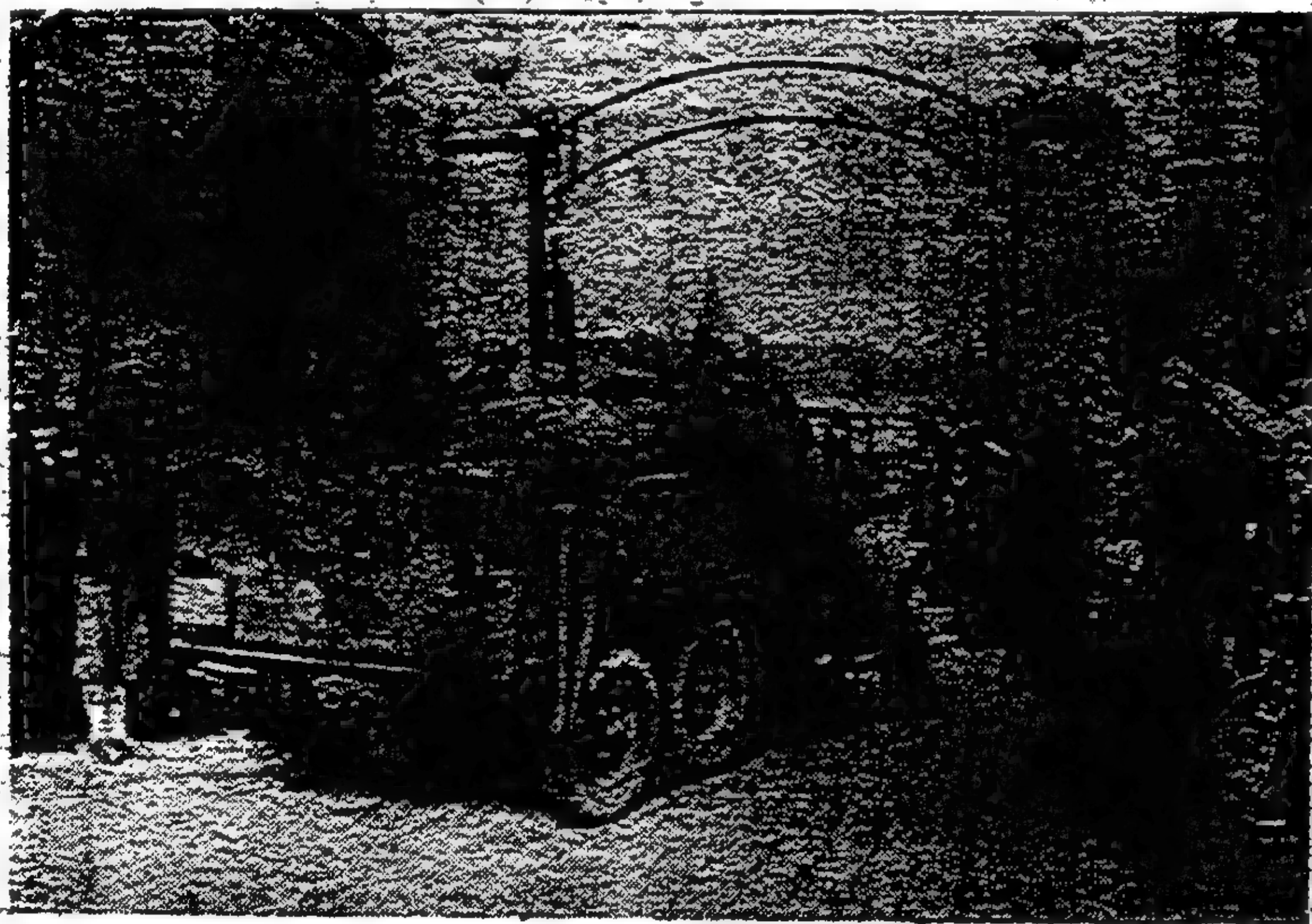
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Vienna has been converted into a German citadel. Above are
German troops, giving and receiving the Nazi salute, arriving to
take over the Vienna barracks on March 13. (Copyright: By Air
Mail).

STRIKING INSUR

Fall Of Catalan City, Lerida, Claimed

Gibraltar, To-day.

Broadcasts from Salamanca and other insurgent
radio stations claim that the important town of
Lerida has been captured.

General Franco's forces have captured Mequinenza,
an important town on the Ebro River, and also
Barbastro, in Upper Aragon.

Fraga was finally occupied at 3
o'clock yesterday afternoon.

According to reports received
from the Aragon front late last
night, Moroccan troops, under
General Yague, after a march of
20 kilometres crossed the Cinca
River, separating the provinces of
Aragon and Catalonia.

BRIDGE DYNAMITED

The crossing of the river was
extremely difficult since the Repub-
licans had dynamited the bridge
shortly before the arrival of the
Nationalists who, however, suc-
ceeded before nightfall in en-
circling completely the town of
Fraga, on the opposite bank of the
river.

The Nationalists occupied a
strip of land ten kilometres wide
and five kilometres deep, on the
left bank of the Cinca River. —
Reuter and Trans-Ocean.

NO LONGER ANY OBSTACLE

Paris, To-day.
After the capture of Bujaroloz
there no longer exists any natural
obstacle to the insurgents, says
the British war correspondent, Set-
ton Delmer, in a despatch to the
"Paris Soir."

The correspondent says the in-
surgents, with their immensely su-
perior equipment, are now only 50
miles from the Mediterranean coast.

Delmer's despatch describes long
columns of Government troops in
retreat, and says that peasants
everywhere are fleeing, leaving the
insurgents to advance through an
abandoned countryside. — Trans-
Ocean.

BISHOP TAYLOR SMITH DEAD

London, To-day.
The death has occurred of Bishop
Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General to
the Forces from 1908 to 1925. —
Reuter.

FRENCH TRADE UNION AGITATION

Paris, To-day.

Speaking at a meeting yesterday,
M. Leon Jouhaux, Secretary Gen-
eral of the French Trade Unions, de-
manded the control of currency,
control of trusts and nationalisation
of key industries.

He furthermore demanded that
Spain be supplied with arms
since, as he said, the destiny of
world peace would be decided in
Spain.

M. Jouhaux declared that the
Trade Unions would defend the
progress of the working class and
oppose Fascism not only by a strike
of folded arms but an active gen-
eral strike. — Trans-Ocean.

SULTAN OF MUSCAT'S VISIT

London, To-day.

The Sultan of Muscat arrived in
London yesterday for a fortnight's
visit.

During his stay in the British
capital he will be the guest of the
Government.

The Sultan will be received by
the King at Buckingham Palace to-
morrow. — Reuter.

The sultan of Muscat and Oman
who arrived in England yesterday
was met at Waterloo Station by
Lord Stanley and other representa-
tives of the Government. — British
Wireless.

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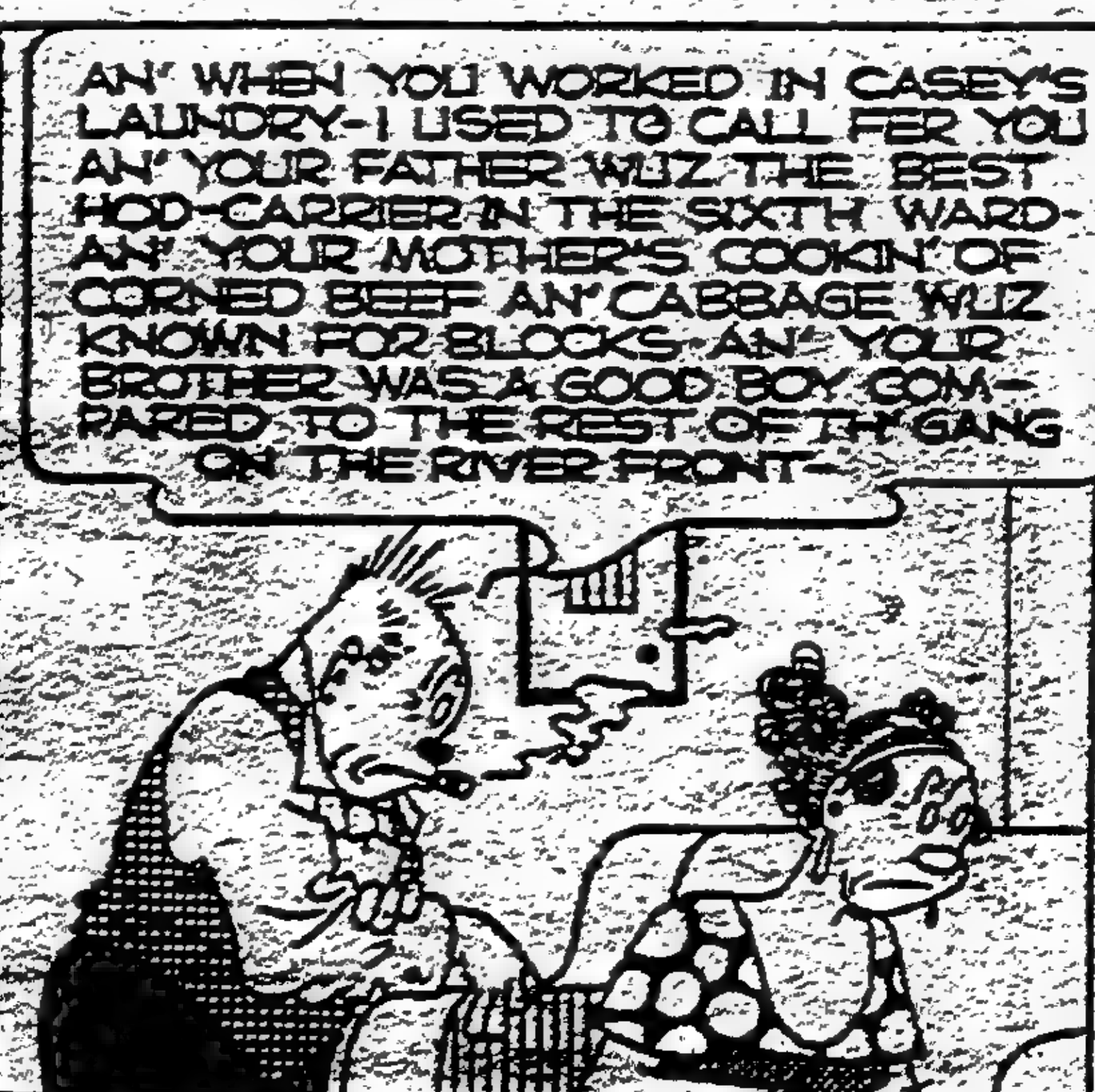


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AN' YOUR MOTHER'S COOKIN' OF
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KNOWN FOR BLOCKS-AN' YOUR
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ON THE RIVER FRONT-



AN' HOW WE USED TO SIT ON
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GENT PROGRESS

DISMISSED VIENNA UNIVERSITY

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LITHUANIAN LEGATION IN WARSAW

Warsaw, To-day.
The first Lithuanian diplomat to
arrive in Poland in an official ca-
pacity since the conflict between
the two countries broke out in 1920,
reached Warsaw last evening.
He is the Secretary of the new
Lithuanian Legation in Warsaw,
and he is expected to be followed
by the new Minister in a few days.
—Trans-Ocean.

POLES WANT AUTONOMY

Warsaw, To-day.
Poles in Czecho-Slovakia are the
latest minority to agitate for re-
form.

Vienna, To-day.
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Viennese children,
for the Saar region,
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es will spend six
the guests of the
Government.—Trans-
According to press reports, Cze-
cho-Slovakian Poles have formed a
United Front and are demanding
the same rights as the other na-
tional groups, that is, the right of
autonomy.
It is estimated there are 250,000
Poles living in Czecho-Slovakia.
—Trans-Ocean.

PREMIER AGAINST COLONIAL EXPERIMENT

London, To-day.
Replying to a question in the
House of Commons yesterday, the
Prime Minister said that he was
opposed to the setting up of an in-
ternational body to administer the
affairs of certain British and other
colonial mandated territories.
The question referred to the sug-
gestion for setting up an adminis-
trative body of this kind for a ten-
tative period of ten years.—Trans-
Ocean.

CADMAN REPORT

London, To-day.
The House of Commons yes-
terday approved the Government
motion regarding the Cadman
Report on civil aviation after
defeating a Labour amendment
by 129 votes to 67.—Reuter.

FRENCH FILM BANNED

Tokyo, To-day.
The Ministry of Interior has
prohibited the showing in Japan of
the French film, "Grand Illusion."
Reason given is that "the film is
likely to impair the prestige of the
German army."—Trans-Ocean.

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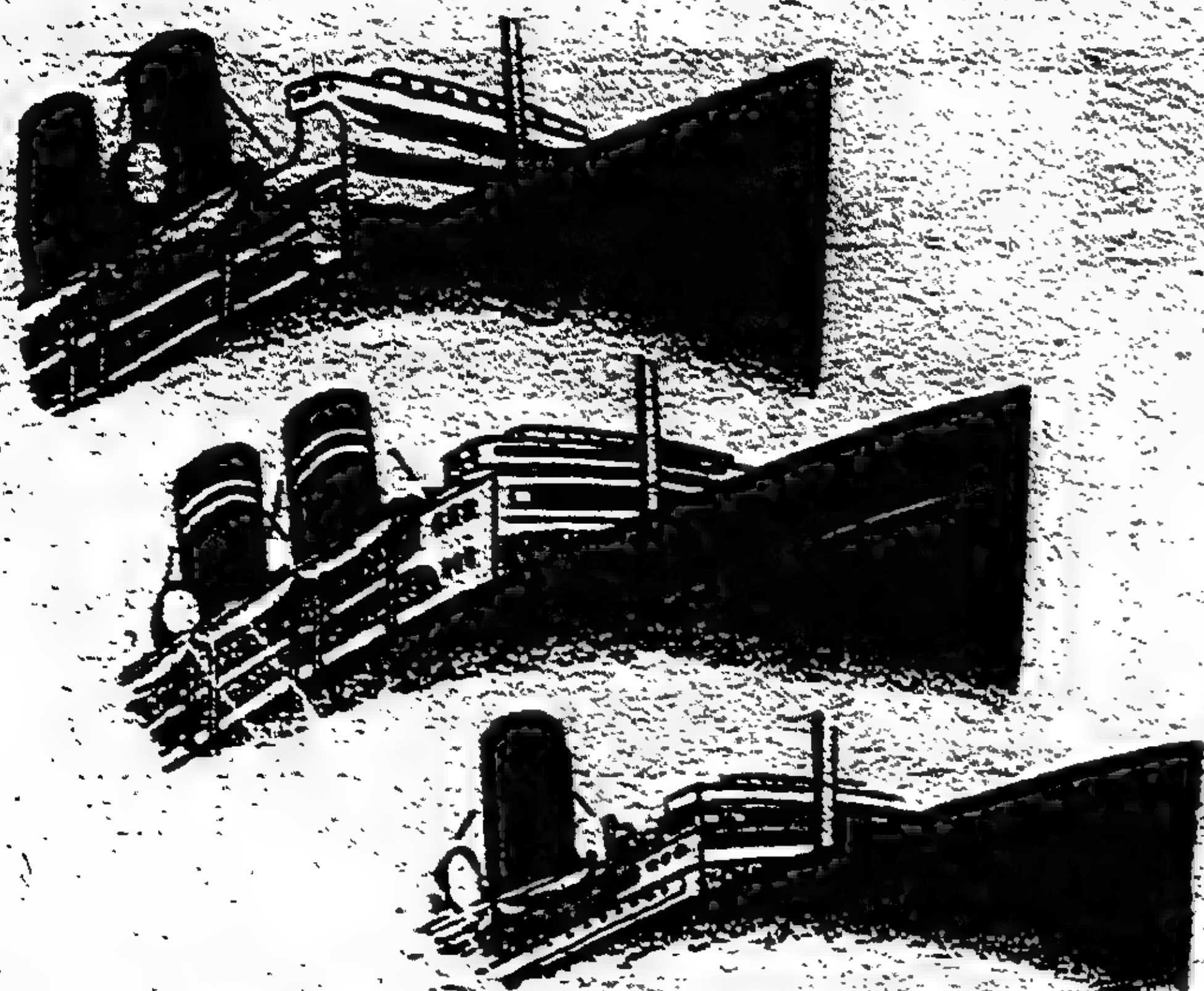


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*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
CORFU	14,500	14th May	Bombay, Marseilles, & London.
*SOUDAN	6,000	21st May	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
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*BEHAR	6,000	2nd Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
NELLORE	7,000	3rd Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
CORFU	14,500	14th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
SANTHA	8,000	14th Apr.	Amoy & Japan.
CHITRAL	16,000	28th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
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Manila	Rawalpindi	March 30.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 23rd March	Yusen Sang	March 30.
Japan	Imperial Airways Plane	March 31.
Saigon	Nankin	March 31.
Bangkok and Swatow	Houtman	March 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Kweiyang	March 31.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 25th March.	Naldera	April 1.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tues. Mar. 29, 3.00 p.m.
Samsui and Wuchow	Chung On	Mar. 30, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Mar. 30, 10 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Jean Laborde	Mar. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Mar. 30, 2 p.m.
Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweilin, Kweiyang and Chungking by the "C.N. A.C. Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs. Mar. 31.
	Kowloon P.O.	
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Hoihow	Muinam	Mar. 31, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Rawalpindi	Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow and *Shanghai	Kaying	Mar. 31, 10.30 a.m.
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Tientsin	Chang On	April 1, 10.30 a.m.
Japan	Yuensang	April 1, 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 19th April.	Nan Kin	Sat. April 2.
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	Reg.	April 2, 8.45 a.m.
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Straits, Sandakan, Ceylon, India, *E. Naldera & *South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 29th April.		Sat. April 2.
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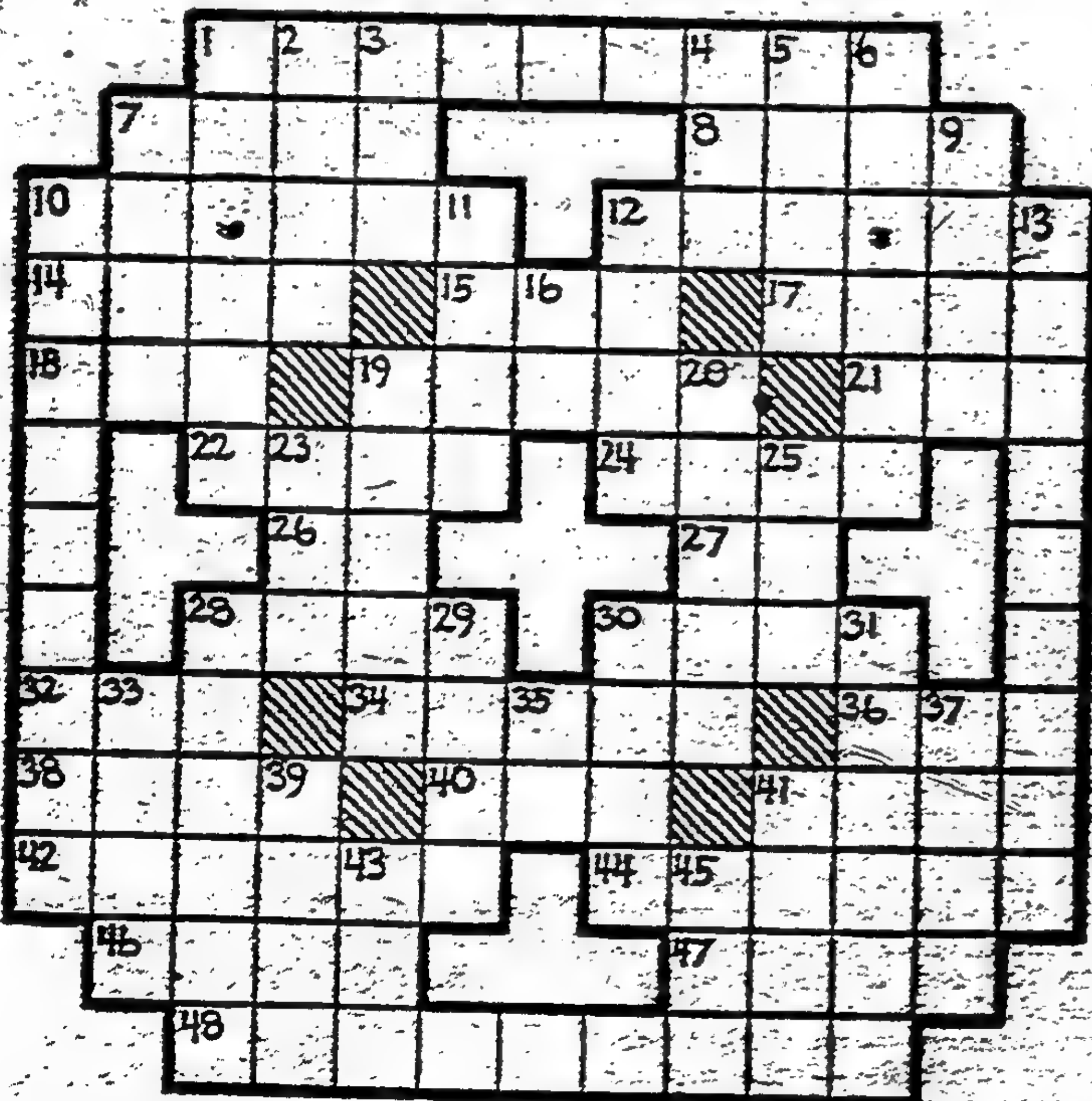
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 14-Large lake.
 15-Propeller.
 17-Wither.
 18-Combining form: Far.
 19-Hard parts of body.
 21-A book of the Bible (abbr.).
 22-Prophet.
 24-Places.
 26-Musical note.
 27-Prefix: Backward.
 28-Felines.
 30-Above.
 32-Period of time.
 34-Garden tool.

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
 36-High priest (Bible).
 38-Girl's names.
 40-Bustle.
 41-Prophetic sign.
 42-Irreligious person.
 44-Dressing.
 46-Snares.
 47-Lady (Sp.).
 48-Moved downward.

VERTICAL
 1-Dangers.
 2-Precious.
 3-Unit.
 4-Pronoun.
 5-Consumes.
 6-Stumbers.
 7-To defy.
 9-Makes a mistake.
 10-Traitors.

VERTICAL (Cont.)
 11-An entrance.
 12-Greek god of war.
 13-Flowering.
 15-Indefinite article.
 19-Strikes.
 20-Wait upon.
 22-Note in Guido's scale.
 23-Golf mound.
 25-Preserved food.
 26-Box.
 28-Scout.
 31-Recall.
 33-Check.
 35-Adornment (abbr.).
 37-Girl's names.
 39-Strike in cards.
 41-Fute-like musical instrument.
 43-A dagger.
 45-Heaven.



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 Hamburg Maru Wed. 20th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.
 Hague Maru Thurs. 7th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao and Keelung.
 Canton Maru Thurs. 14th Apr.
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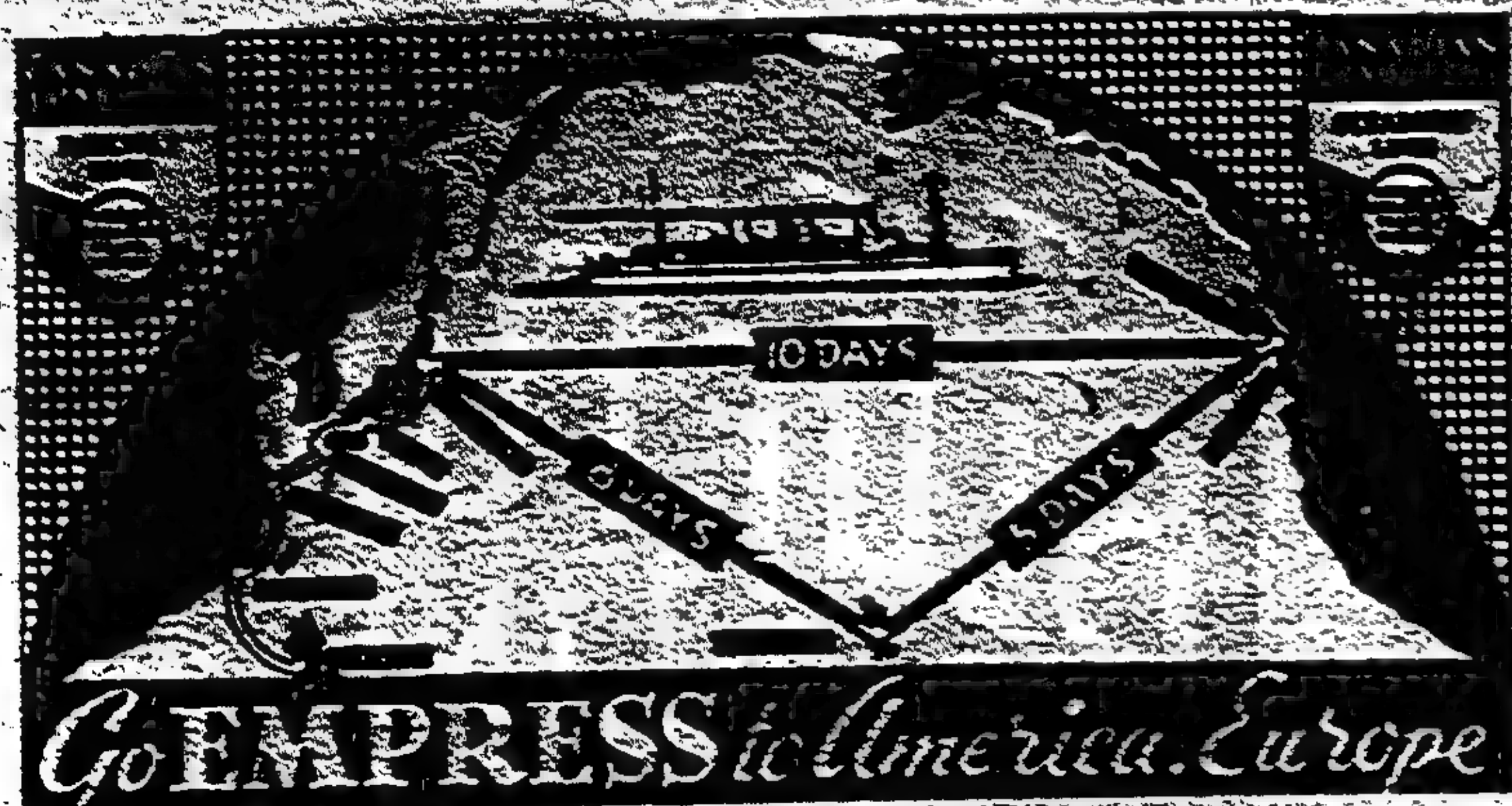
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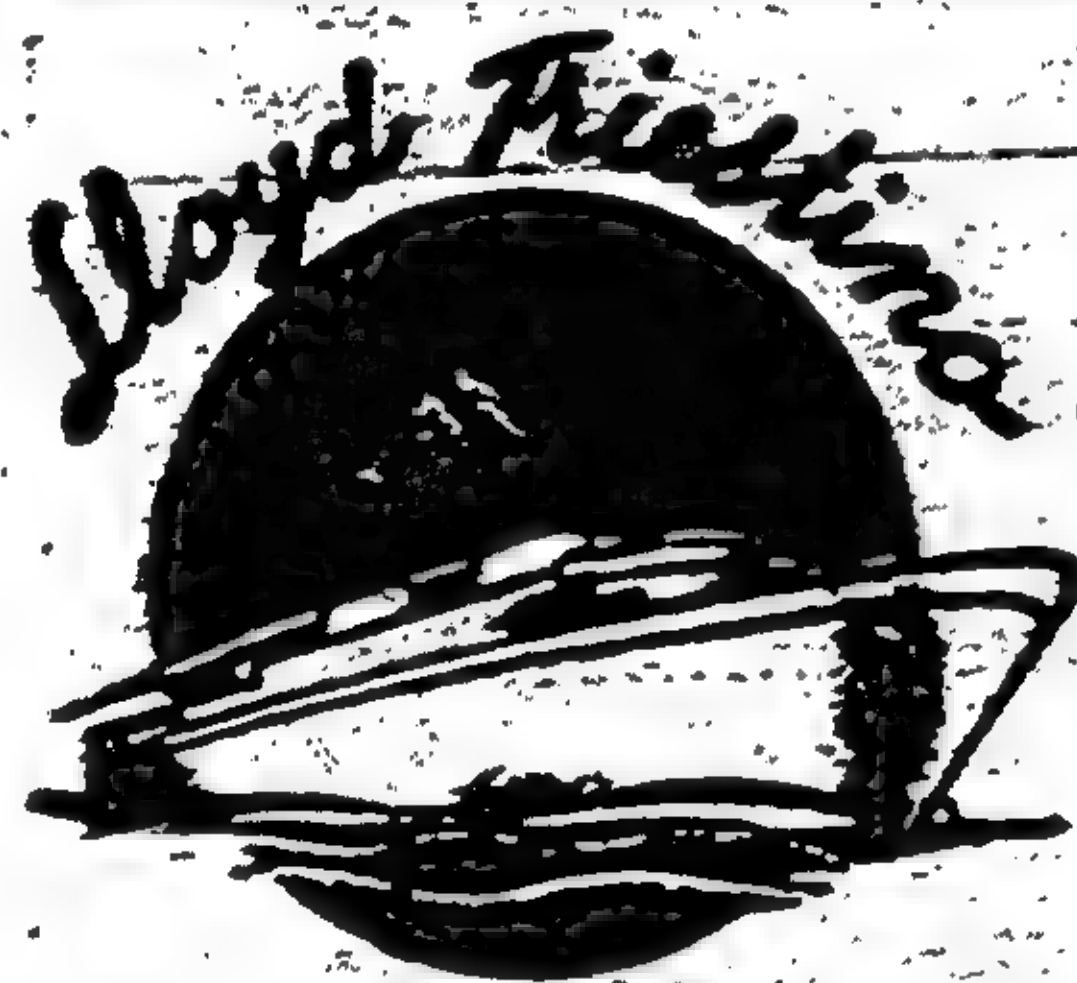
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H. K. FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY'S STATE IN SHANGHAI

A moderately satisfactory year, heavy sterling losses being the cause of the less prosperous showing than in 1937, was the chairman's description of the year 1938 at the annual ordinary meeting of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Company held this morning in the Board Room of the Company.

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson said:—

The outturn of the Company's operations for the year 1938 can only be described as moderately satisfactory when compared with its immediate predecessor, the reason for the less prosperous showing being the heavy Sterling losses that we suffered during that period. Premium shows an increase over that for 1937 of just on \$90,000, but losses are up by \$155,000. The result of our working in Local Currency, from Hong Kong and China sources, was almost identical with that of the previous year, the difference against 1937 being one of \$1,500.

LOSSES HIGHER

In making the customary comparison of ratios between the year under review and 1937 we find losses at 53.27% as against 47.56%, Charges at 39.34% as against 40.06%, leaving a balance of 7.39% as compared with 12.83%.

Interest is \$483,215 as against \$471,257, a satisfactory increase when the many conversions that have been made in respect of gilt-edged securities are taken into account.

The balance of \$716,512.54 at credit of Working Account for 1937 is also a disappointment, revealing as it does a fall of close on \$150,000 when compared with that for the year 1936 at the same date. Here again we have had to face heavy Sterling losses and Local Currency claims rose by nearly \$70,000, the major part of this sum being due to the Typhoon of the 1st/2nd September last year. It is early yet to talk about this Account but we are hopeful that the ultimate result will not be unsatisfactory; after all, to pay losses is our raison d'être and the measure of our success depends on the severity of these.

DIVIDEND OF \$12

The surplus to be dealt with at this Meeting is \$829,189.43, the balance of Account for 1938, and we recommend the payment of \$12 per share absorbing \$480,000 and the transfer of the balance of \$129,189.43 to Reinsurance Fund.

The position of our Reserves remains much as it was last year except for the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account which is reduced by some \$17,700 owing to the writing down of Sterling and Hong Kong Currency investments to the values ruling on the 31st December last.

You will have read the note that appears in the Report with reference to the Company's investments in Shanghai and which not only has the approval but was suggested by our Auditors.

As these investments are entirely confined to first class debentures and mortgages, the whole of the latter being within the defence areas and as all interest to the end of last year had been received, it was considered that in the circumstances—no market quotations being available—the method we have adopted was the only reasonable one. The position is undoubtedly difficult and the future obscure.

NO EASY PROBLEM

The investment of funds is no easy problem in these times. We little

thought last year that our investments in Shanghai, some of which we have held for many years past, were soon to be giving us cause for anxiety. But we know to-day, it wasn't always apparent, that the property mortgaged to us has survived without material damage and that those public utilities with which we are concerned exist in the same shape as formerly.

I trust you will approve the usual grant of a bonus to Members of the Staff of 15% on their salaries. They have worked well during the past year.

Living in an atmosphere of War and threats of War, it is difficult to know what to say about future prospects. Your Company, though small, has a well selected business, even if it has not done as quite so proud these past two years, and granted a return of conditions to something like normality, there is no reason why we should not continue on our career of peaceful prosperity. As things are now, we must necessarily suffer some loss of income by reason of the trouble in the North, for much insurable property in Shanghai and North China ports has been destroyed.

Mr. M. H. Turner, seconding, the reports and accounts were adopted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, Felix A. Joseph, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart and S. T. Williamson were re-elected to the Consulting Committee on the motion of Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. John Fleming, while Messrs. Lowe, Bingham, and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. M. H. Lo, seconded by Mr. J. Fullerton.

The following attended:—The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (chairman), Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, T. E. Pearce, J. H. Taggart, S. T. Williamson (Consulting Committee), Mr. F. C. Hall (general manager) and the following shareholders:—Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Messrs. M. H. Lo, John Fleming, A. R. Fullerton, M. H. Turner, E. M. Raymond, J. H. Seth, H. J. Armstrong and Hampden Ross.

LORD ST. DAVIDS PASSES

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Lord St. Davids, brother of Lord Kyrle, at the age of 78.

Lord St. Davids was called to the Bar in 1886. He was M.P. for Mid-Lanarkshire (1888-94) and for Pembrokeshire (1898-1908). From 1930 to 1932 he was Chairman of the Unemployment Grants Committee.

Lord St. Davids' heir, the Hon. Jesty Phillips, is 21 years of age. *Reuter*

DR. SCHACHT VISITING BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

It is semi-officially learned that the Reichsbank President, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, is expected to arrive in Brussels on Thursday to return the visit recently paid to Berlin by the Governor of the Belgian National Bank—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2 19/42.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London on Saturday at 19% and forward at 19/7/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$49593 and the New York on London rate at \$-U.S.\$4969/16.

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WASHINGTON'S Tailed Man In NEW PRICE FOR Man In SILVER Hainan?

Washington, To-day.

The Treasury has fixed the price of foreign silver at 44 cents an ounce, compared with the previous rate of 45 cents.

It has not been explained whether the new price will be applied to silver futures as well as "spot" silver.—Reuter.

SILVER CIRCLES CONFUSED

New York, To-day.

Silver circles, both in the United States and Mexico, are very confused pending further clarification of future procedure by the U.S. Treasury as well as the Bank of Mexico regarding Mexican silver.

While numerous conjectures in this connection are tending to heighten the uncertainty, there is an absolute lack of official indication as to the status of Mexican silver in the world markets after April 1 from the standpoint of the U. S. Treasury purchasing programme.

Private opinions that the Treasury embargo on Mexican silver may be the forerunner of modification of the silver purchase programme, appear to be entirely unsubstantiated.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning.

BANKS	
Bank of East Asia \$30 b.	
INSURANCES	
Union Ins. \$335 b., \$340 sa.	
China Underwriters \$2 b.	
SHIPPING	
H. K. Steamboats \$16½ b.	
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.	
Providents (Old) \$3.60 b., \$3.65 sa.	
Providents (New) \$1.65 sa.	
MINING	
Autamoks Ps. 51 sa.	
Atoks Ps. 26 sa.	
Bagnio Gold Ps. 20 sa.	
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.40 sa.	
Coco Grove Ps. 46 sa.	
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Demonstrations Ps. 34 sa.	
L. X. L. Ps. 69 sa.	
Paracale Guimans Ps. 20 sa.	
San Mauricio Ps. 45½ sa.	
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 15½ sa.	
United Paracales Ps. 41 sa.	
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.	
H. K. Lands 4% Debentures 100% n.	
Chinese Estates \$97 b.	
PUBLIC UTILITIES	
H. K. Tramways \$15.80 b., \$16 sa.	
\$15.90/95 sa.	
Peak Trams (Old) \$7 b.	
Star Ferries \$34½ b.	
China Lights (Old) \$12.15 b., \$12.20 sa.	
Sandakan Lights \$14½ b.	
INDUSTRIALS	
Cements \$17½ b., \$17.80 sa.	
STORES, & C.	
Watsons \$6.75/70 sa.	
Sinceres \$2.20 b.	
MISCELLANEOUS	
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 60 cts. b.	
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Cottons \$12.90 sa.	
Constructions \$1½ b.	
H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 2% pm. b.	
Wallace Harpers \$10 b.	
Maramba Inv. (H.K.) s/- 3/10 b.	

Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits-Currency for Raw Rubber:

April/June 20-¼ b. Unchanged.
July/Sept. 21 b. Unchanged.
Oct/Dec. 21-¼ b. Unchanged.
Market: Dull.

Roughened as they might have been by prohibition vintage moonshine to the sight of lots of beasties not in the book, the natives of San Francisco may yet have a severe attack of the jitters if the efforts of Messrs. Clark, Smith and Munroe, who hail from the American side of the big pond, meet with the success they deserve. The trio, according to report, have sailed for China in search of the legendary "Tailed Man," said to exist among the "fierce tribes on the island of Hainan."

Leonard Clark and Nicol Smith hail from San Francisco, while Jack Munroe is a product of New York, the report continues, adding that they are "on a National Geographic expedition which will penetrate the interior of this mysterious island which has never before been explored."

Clark, leader of the party, stated that whether or not they found the legendary Tailed Man supposed to exist south of the "Mountains of the Red Mist" on the island of Hainan, he will bring back an entire village of the Hainan aborigines, known as Loi, for an exhibit at the 1939 Golden Gate International Exposition in San Francisco.

According to Clark, Hainan, an island of about 14,000 square miles owned by China, is so wild that the Chinese, until recently, had not "bothered to investigate the hinterland." The expedition will "map the interior of the island, locating the major peaks and headwaters of the principal rivers and will learn for the first time the customs of the Loi aborigines," who are of pre-Malayan stock and believed to be related to the Igorotes of the Philippines.

SHANGHAI POLICE COMMISSIONER RETIRES

Mr. F. W. Gerrard, Commissioner of the Shanghai Municipal Police, is retiring on May 28, and will be succeeded by Major K. M. Bourne on the following day.

Mr. Gerrard, who came to Shanghai with considerable experience in the organisation of police forces in India, will have completed nine years' service with the S.M.P. on the day of his retirement.

The popular police officer came to Shanghai at the invitation of the Council, to reorganise the Municipal Police, in May, 1929, and the efficiency with which the S.M.P. have maintained peace and order through the difficult periods which have intervened since that time, has revealed the expert hand responsible for the smooth running of the force.

Born in Aberdeen, Mr. Gerrard went to India as a cadet. When the war broke out, he joined the Indian Frontier forces. On peace being declared, he returned to India where he went into police work. It is understood that it has been Mr. Gerrard's wish for some time to return home.

Among other police officers retiring shortly is Deputy Commissioner R. C. Alera, who completes 38 years of service in Shanghai. Mr. Alera is returning to Birmingham following his retirement on April 28 next.

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LADIES' REST TRIALS UNNECESSARY



Miss B. Pope, left, and Miss P. Gittins, right, should both find places in the senior "Rest" team to meet the "Y" Ladies, champions of the Caer Clark Cup League, next Saturday. Both will be seen in the senior "Rest" trial, which takes place at King's Park, (C.B.A. ground) this evening at 5 p.m.

MY SELECTIONS FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR TEAMS

ST. ANDREW'S HAVE MANY FINE PLAYERS

(By "STICKS")

AN unnecessary waste of time has been indulged in by the Hong Kong Ladies Hockey Association in arranging trials with a view to selecting "Rest" teams to meet the champions of the Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Leagues.

These two teams could quite easily have been selected on players' performances throughout the current season. It did not take me long to select what I thought would be the probable composition of the two teams for next Saturday's encounters.

These are as follows:

JUNIOR "REST"

J. HALL (ST. ANDREW'S)

M. RIBEIRO (RECREIO)
J. BROADBRIDGE (ST. ANDREW'S)

P. LAWSON (ST. ANDREW'S)
MRS. GUNBY (SEAFORTH'S)
P. EVEREST (C.B.A.) OR
M. DA ROZA (ST. ANDREW'S)

J. EWING (C.B.S. "B")
MRS. ACKROYD (SEAFORTH'S)
MRS. WILLIAMS ("Y" LADIES)
A. ALVES (RECREIO)
M. REMEDIOS (RECREIO)

SENIOR "REST"

G. D. MOSS (C.B.A.) OR
MRS. LUNSON (H.K.L.)

R.B. B. PARSONS (C.B.A.)
L.B. G. WHITE (ST. ANDREW'S)

R.H. B. POPE (H.K.L.)
C.H. J. WONG (ST. ANDREW'S)

L.H. H. REID (ST. ANDREW'S)

O.R. F. WONG (ST. ANDREW'S)
L.E. E. CHURN (ST. ANDREW'S)
C.F. M. SMALLEY (H.K.L.)
L.L. P. GITTINS (ST. ANDREW'S)
O.L. A. PURVES (H.K.L.)

It will be noticed that Miss J. Hall, Miss J. Broadbridge and Miss P. Lawson, all of St. Andrew's Ladies, have been included in the junior "Rest" team in view of the fact that their names were included in yesterday's trial teams, although all three played their part in deciding the Southern Cup clash last Saturday.

Miss Hall is probably the best custodian in the Colony at the moment, and I would have had little hesitation in naming her for the senior position had her name been included in the senior trial teams.

STRONG HALF-BACK LINE

Miss M. Ribeiro (Recreio) and Miss Broadbridge (St. Andrew's) make the best full-back combination, while the intermediate line is a very strong one, Miss Lawson, of St. Andrew's, being good enough for the senior team. There are two left-halves, in my opinion, who should clash for the position and last night's trial should decide this. (Yesterday's trial influenced me in no way in the selection of the two above teams.)

The Junior "Rest" forward line does not present a very difficult problem and the obvious choice for the right-wing berth is Miss J. Ewing, of C.B.S. "B", while Mrs. Ackroyd, of Seaforth Ladies, and Mrs. Williams of "Y" Ladies, are certainties for the inside-right and centre-forward berths, respectively.

I can think of no better pairing for the left-wing combination than Miss A. Alves and Miss M. Remedios, of Recreio. I am certain that I shall not be far out in my selection when the final choice is made.

SENIOR "REST" TEAM

Two players qualify for the custodian's berth in the senior "Rest" team, Miss D. Moss, of C.B.A., and Mrs. Lunson, of H.K.L. Ladies, and of the two I prefer the latter because of her bigger experience. Miss B. Parsons, of C.B.A., and Miss G. White, of St. Andrew's, are my choice of full-backs, and on recent performances it will be difficult to find better. My half-back line is the strongest available, and, although I have been reluctant to place Miss B. Pope at right-half, I have been compelled to do so because Miss Wong fits in much better in the pivotal position. Miss Reid is without question the best left half available.

The senior "Rest" attack is almost up to Interport standard with the exception of two positions. Miss Wong is the best available right-winger, while Miss E. Churn has justly earned her place in the team at inside-right, particularly following her display against the Hong Kong Ladies last Saturday. Miss Smalley and Miss Gittins are the logical selections for the centre-forward and inside-left berths, while Miss A. Purves is my choice for the left-wing.

I think that hockey readers will find the above two teams the best possible with the talent available.

STRIKING SHOTS MEN TO HOLD ONE MORE TRIAL NEXT SUNDAY

(By "STICKS")

EVENTS in the past week have been leading up to the Men's Interport Hockey match with Macao, and the first trial game was held last Sunday, my comments on which, appeared in these columns in yesterday's issues.

I understand that the selectors are not satisfied with last Sunday's effort, and that, weather permitting, a final trial will be held next Sunday morning, on the Club ground, commencing at 11 a.m. The Interport Selection Committee are meeting to-morrow evening to select the trial teams.

There is a possibility that Lieut. Pritam Nath, of the Rajputana Rifles, will not be available against Macao as he has been transferred to India and will in all probability leave the Colony by the Transport Dilwara. Should a vacancy at centre-forward occur, there is every possibility that Lt. Skelton, of H.M.S. Grampus, will be invited to play in next Sunday's trial. The latter is a fine all-rounder, being a dashing type of centre-forward, with very good ball control.



JUNIOR "REST" TO MEET C.B.S. "A" SELECTED

Intermediate Line Very Strong

Following yesterday's junior "Rest" trial, on the C.B.A. ground, at King's Park; the following were selected to meet the Central British School "A", winners of the Brawn Cup League, next Saturday, on the Army ground, at Gascoigne Road, commencing at 3 p.m.:

MISS J. HALL (ST. A.)
MRS. SLATER ("Y" L.)
and
MISS J. BROADBRIDGE (ST. A.)
MISS P. LAWSON (ST. A.)
MRS. GUNBY (SEAFORTH L.)
and
MISS E. WATSON (C.B.S. "B")
MISS J. EWING (C.B.S. "B")
MRS. ACKROYD (SEAFORTH L.)
MRS. WILLIAMS ("Y" L.)
MISS C. ROBERTS (ST. A.)
and
MISS M. REMEDIOS (RECREIO).

RESERVES:
MISS O. BOTELHO (RECREIO)
MISS M. SILVA (RECREIO)
MISS M. CHURN (ST. A.)
MISS Y. HO (ST. A.)

A SUGGESTION

I would like to offer the Selectors a suggestion for a pair of full-backs. Grogan, of the Middlesex, who has many fine performances to his credit, should be given a trial with Stickle, also of the same unit with whom he has played for over three seasons in the Battalion team. The pair make a fine combination and as Stickle is well in the running for the left-back position, there is no reason why the Selectors cannot find him the right partner — my suggestion being to play them together for one half of next Sunday's trial.

YESTERDAY'S DISAPPOINTMENT

Much disappointment was caused at the non-appearance of Miss A. Alves, of Club de Recreio, at yesterday's trial to select a junior "Rest" team to meet the C.B.S. "A" next Saturday, and as a result, her claims were not considered by the Selection Committee, which comprised Messrs. A. E. P. Guest (Radio), B. Henderson (Y.M.C.A.) and K. Hussain (K.L.T.C.). I understand that Miss J. Gonsalves, the Recreio Ladies' pivot, who was also worthy consideration, is on the injured list as a result of a knock sustained during last Sunday morning's Brawn Cup encounter against the "Y" Ladies.

MY LADIES' COLONY XI

My Ladies' Colony eleven on the past season's performances in both the Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Leagues would be as follows:

Miss J. Hall (St. Andrew's) (Goal); Miss B. Parsons (C.B.A.) (right-back) and Miss A. Fowler ("Y" Ladies) (left-back); Miss P. Lawson (St. Andrew's) (right- (Continued on Page 19)

LADIES' SENIOR "REST" TRIAL TO-DAY

The following are the two teams for this afternoon's trial in order to select a senior "Rest" team to meet the champions of the Caer Clark Cup League, the "Y" Ladies, next Saturday afternoon, on a ground to be announced later:

Whites:
Mrs. Lunson (H.K.L.); Miss G. White (Saints); Miss B. Halpin (H.K.L.); Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.); Miss B. Pope (H.K.L.); Miss J. Wong (Saints); Miss F. Wong (Saints); Miss E. Churn (Saints); Mrs. M. White (C.B.A.); Miss P. Gittins (Saints); Miss D. Hunt (C.B.A.); Colours:
Miss D. Moss (C.B.A.); Miss B. Parsons (C.B.A.); Miss E. Chang (Saints); Miss G. Green (H.K.L.); Miss H. Read (Saints); Miss V. Gordon-Smith (H.K.L.); Miss F. Best (C.B.A.); Miss W. Waddell (H.K.L.); Miss M. Smalley (H.K.L.); Mrs. M. Daniels (C.B.A.); Miss A. Purves (H.K.L.); Miss E. Clewer (C.B.A.)

STAND COURT IN USE FOR FIRST TIME



E. C. Fincher, left, partnered by W. C. Hung, will be playing opposite to H. D. Rumjahn, right, partnered by S. A. Rumjahn, in the main attraction in this afternoon's tennis programme at the H.K.C.C.

THRILLING TENNIS INDICATED

RUMJAHNS TO MEET FINCHER & HUNG

KONG V KWOK

(By "ADREM")

One of the most thrilling games in the Open Tennis Tournament should be seen at the Hong Kong Cricket Club this afternoon when H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn, last year's winners of the title, meet E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung, who were runners-up, on the stand court.

It is unfortunate that these two pairs should have had to meet in a preliminary round, which will be over three sets. Many followers of the game feel that their record last year should have entitled them to be "seeded" in different halves.

Although the Rumjahns will start favourites this afternoon, I would not be surprised to see them beaten. They are notoriously slow starters while, on the other hand, Fincher and Hung usually quickly get into their stride.

MAY SCORE QUICK VICTORY

For this reason the latter pair, who, on the occasions they have met the Rumjahns in former years have won the first two sets, may quite easily repeat the performance and score a quick victory.

The Rumjahns have not yet been extended in any of their games in the current tourney and therefore there has been little to indicate their potentialities.

On the other hand, Fincher and Hung gave an excellent performance in their last game against the Lo brothers—both showing very convincing form.

Prospects of fine entertainment to-day should attract the biggest crowd which has yet attended.

On an outside court another interesting tie should be the Paul Kong—Frank Kwok encounter in the singles. Kong has been most convincing in his appearances so far but he is not as young as he used to be and it is quite conceivable that the tenacious tactics of the C.R.C. player may wear him into submission.

PROGRAMME

Open Doubles (Stand Court)
S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn
v. E. C. Fincher and W. C. Hung

Open Singles
Leung Ping-chiu v. S. W. Liang
Tsui Wai-pui v. W. Sander
Paul Kong v. F. H. Kwok

Club Championship
T. A. Pearce v. J. F. L. Smalley
G. W. Sewell v. J. C. Pool
Club Handicap Doubles
E. J. R. Mitchell and L. S. M. Lloyd

STRIKING SHOTS

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half), Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's) (centre-half) and Miss B. Pope (H.K.L.) (left-half); Mrs. O. Burnett ("Y" Ladies) (right-wing), Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's) (inside-right), Miss D. McCaw (C.B.S. "A") (centre-forward), Miss M. Smith ("Y" Ladies) (inside-left) and Miss M. Westcott ("Y" Ladies) (outside-left).

MACAO'S LAST TRIAL?

I understand that the Middlesex Regiment will be visiting Macao on Sunday, April 10, and will probably give the Macao team their final trial before the Interport match, which will take place in the Colony a week later.

A REMINDER

A reminder—two excellent games of ladies' hockey should be witnessed on the Army ground, at Gascoigne Road, next Saturday afternoon when the senior Best team will clash with the "Y" Ladies, champions of the Caer Clark Cup League, at 4.15 p.m., while the junior Best team will meet the Central British School "A", winners of the Brawn Cup League, at 3 p.m.

CLUB XI FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club against the officers, of H.M.S. "Medway", on the Club ground at 5 p.m. to-morrow:

V. M. Benwell; J. E. Potter and E. V. Reed; G. Sommer, W. A. Reed and N. B. Whitley; S. Fowler, T. Whitley, G. E. R. Divett (Capt.), E. L. Bickford and V. Bond.

HONG FOURSOMES

AT K. CITY

The final round of the "Hong" Foursomes played at the Kowloon Golf Club on Sunday over 18 holes, resulted in a win for the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. (F. C. Barry and E. O. Murphy) by 2 and 1 over the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. (J. McKelvie and J. R. Leitch).

In the semi-finals, the Hotel Company defeated the Air Ministry by 3 and 2, and the Dock Company beat the China Light and Power Co., Ltd. by 6 and 5.

SHIELD REPLAY

The senior Shield cricket replay between Craigengower and the Indian Recreation Club, which was abandoned last Saturday owing to rain, will be replayed next Saturday on the Hong Kong C.C. ground.

(-3.5) v. H. Owen-Hughes and W. M. Barton (-15).

Handicap Mixed Doubles
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. D. Wodehouse (-3.5) v. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Storey (-3.5).

F. V. Harrison and Miss D. Dodwell (-15) v. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prior (-4/6).

Tsuis Win Easily In Uninteresting Encounter

LEONARD AND CHOA TOO GOOD FOR KWOK AND LIANG

LEE WAI-TONG UNTROUBLED

(By "ADREM")

AFTER A WEEK OF INACTIVITY, TENNIS ONCE MORE CAME INTO ITS OWN YESTERDAY AND FURTHER PROGRESS WAS MADE IN BOTH THE SINGLES AND DOUBLES EVENTS IN THE COLONY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

CHIEF FEATURE OF THE PROGRAMME WAS NOT THE STANDARD OF THE TENNIS SERVED UP BUT RATHER THE USE OF THE STAND COURT FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON. THIS COURT APPEARED TO BE IN VERY FINE CONDITION FOLLOWING THE RECENT RAINS, ALTHOUGH ONE OR TWO "BALD" PATCHES IN INCONVENIENT SPOTS MAKES IT PROBLEMATIC AS WHETHER IT WILL STAND UP TO THE HEAVY USAGE IT IS DESTINED TO HAVE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

Play in the big game yesterday was most uninspiring and there were remarkably few incidents over which to enthuse. Both sides went for winners all the time and, while this type of play can be very entertaining when both sides are evenly matched, on this occasion, it developed into an exhibition of courageous play, born of desperation on the one hand, and obvious determination to "improve the shining hour," on the other.

The Tsuis at no stage had any cause for worry and in the course of the match, played balls evidently going miles out of court out of sheer *joie de vivre*. Gosano pulled out an occasional nice-looking forehand drive and ace first service but Remedios, although he also had his flashes of brilliance, was generally deplorably erratic especially on the volley and his backhand.

SURPRISING EASE

On an adjoining court, Joe Leonard and George Choa, the Craigengower combination, won with surprising ease against Frank Kwok and S. W. Liang. The Chinese pair were loathe to take the forecourt

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SINGLES

W. Sander beat J. A. H. Douglass 6-2, 6-2

Lee Wai-tong beat Wong Shiu-wing 6-1, 6-0.

DOUBLES

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios 6-2, 6-4.

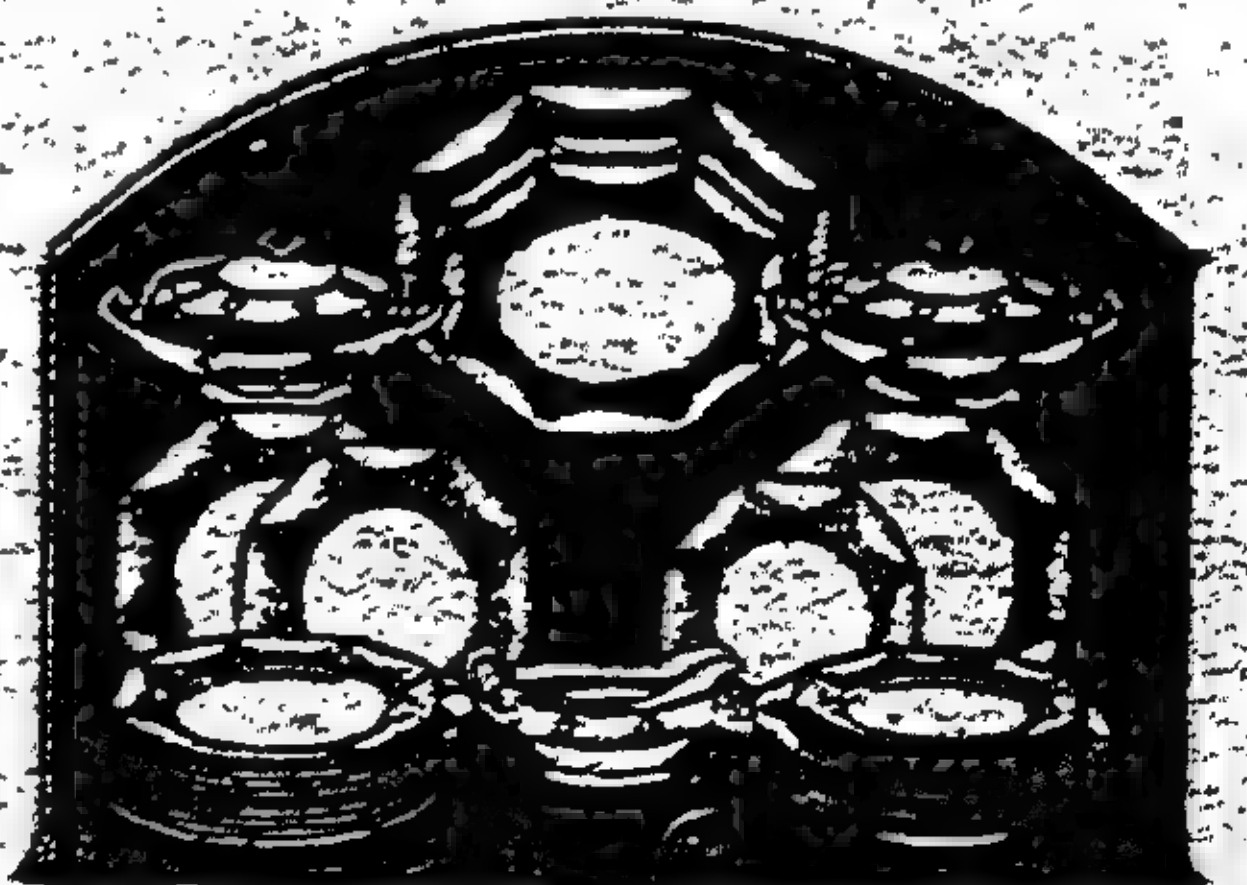
J. W. Leonard and G. Choa beat S. W. Liang and F. Kwok 6-2, 6-2.

and paid the penalty against opponents who were always sound if not brilliant when volleying.

Joe Leonard gave a masterly display in which his vast knowledge of the game acquired during years of battling in various local tournaments, stood out above anything else.

It was expected that Wong Shiu-wing, the stylish C.R.C. player, would give Lee Wai-tong, his club-mate, a good deal to think about. Actually he was never in the picture and Lee went out for the loss of only one game.

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EAST FIFE AND THE SCOTTISH CUP

JIM FERRIER'S NOTEBOOK

GOLF JOTTINGS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Sydney, February 25.

Moving pictures of the young American professional, Sam Snead's putting style show the secret of his phenomenal touch. Throughout the stroke the putter blade is kept close to the ground and square on to the ball. The bulk of the stroke is done by the wrists. Snead is a believer in a firm hit rather than a long back-swing.

Most good putters keep the blade swinging close to the turf. This helps the player to obtain a maximum of top spin on the ball. W. Bolger, one of the soundest of Australian putters, is rarely seen to raise his putter off the turf when putting at his best, and N. Von Nida is another follower of this style.

Two leading New Zealand clubs have decided to instal extensive watering schemes to provide better summer golfing conditions. Baked fairways and glass-like green surfaces mar the pleasure of playing. The New Zealand projects will be costly, but they are expected to meet with universal approval of the club members concerned.

EYE TO THE FUTURE

The American Walker Cup team recently selected shows that the United States Golf Association has an eye to the future. It is a youthful team, the average age of the players being 23. As each member of the team has proved himself under stroke play conditions, it appears that Britain has a difficult task ahead to recover the cup.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS

The following is the revised draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup, which will take place next Saturday.

St. Bernard's v. East Fife.
(At Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh).

Kilmarnock v. Rangers.
(At Hampden Park, Glasgow).

The result of the draw ensures that a Second Division team will contest the final, and Rangers, who have had an unexpectedly bad League season are confidently regarded as eventual winners of the trophy.

LONDON YACHT CLUB CENTENARY

U.S. OFFER OF PRIZE

(By Major B. Heckstall-Smith)

The Royal London Yacht Club of Cowes is commemorating its centenary this year during Cowes Week. The club was amongst the earliest to be associated with the contests for the America's Cup, and its cordial relations with the New York Yacht Club have been long established.

Mr. Algernon Maudslay, a prominent member of the R.L.Y.C., has received a letter from Commodore W. A. W. Stewart, N.Y.Y.C., saying that, in commemoration of the Royal London Yacht Club's centenary, the New York Yacht Club will give a prize in Cowes Week to be sailed for at the R.L.Y.C.'s regatta. The race will take place on Aug.

The Royal London Yacht Club was founded in 1838 and the New York Yacht Club in 1844.

CURIOUS FEATURE SINCE THEIR YEAR

THEIR DISTINCTION AS 2ND DIVISION TEAM

(By INCHKEITH)

(The following article should prove very interesting in view of the fact that East Fife have reached the semi-final of the Scottish Cup and that St. Bernard's, also a Second Division Club, stand an equal chance of entering the final. No Second Division Club has yet won the Scottish F. A. Cup).

Glasgow, February 15.

ONLY twice have Fife clubs reached the final of the Scottish Cup, but neither Raith Rovers, in 1913, nor East Fife, fourteen years later, managed to win the trophy. The Kirkcaldy team lost to Falkirk at Celtic Park by the only two goals of the match, while the men from Methil were beaten by Celtic by three goals to one after they had opened the scoring. East Fife have this distinction—they are the only club to reach the last stage of the competition when in the Second Division since the '30s. A Second Division club have, however, still to be Cup winners.

It cannot be said that the Fife clubs have played a very prominent part in the tourney since the Bayview eleven made history, but nevertheless, it is interesting to recall the teams which have carried the banner of the "Kingdom" farthest since 1927. A very curious feature is that, with one year excepted, one or both of the finalists have defeated a club from Fife on the way to the last stage.

The year following East Fife's, at the fourth hurdle. The score was 3-1 for "killed" who drew with Rangers in the final but had to re-fire losers in the second game. The year 1933 was not a happy one of any part of the county. The clubs all fell in the first round, the results being:—Raith Rovers 1, Falkirk 2; St. Johnstone 2, East Fife 1; Cowdenbeath 0, Dundee 3, after a draw 1-1; and Dunfermline Athletic 1, Celtic 7. The last-mentioned club landed the "silver" Taking part in their second final, Motherwell were beaten by the only goal.

NO FIFE "SCALP"

It was in 1934 that neither finalist had a scalp from Fife. Cowdenbeath made most progress until Queen of the South came and conquered at Central Park in a third round tie, but that stage was not reached a year later. At the first obstacle, Cowdenbeath fell. It was certainly an obstacle, for Rangers were the opposition, and the Glasgow team went on to win the trophy. Hamilton Academicals, the defeated finalists, just got through the first round tie at East End Park; Dunfermline, by the odd goal in three.

This season brought a new name into this survey—Royston Dockyard Recreation, who, after disposing of Berwick Rangers, 3-1, made a grand fight of it against Airdrieonians at Broomfield in the second round. It was only by the one goal of the match that the Lanarkshire club qualified for round three. Raith Rovers, the remaining Fifers, drew at Brechin, but in midweek surprisingly failed at home and were beaten 2-4.

FIRST STAGE VICTIMS

Two years ago Falkirk gained promotion. They also extinguished that last Scottish Cup hope of Fife. Dunfermline were thrashed at Brockville in the fourth round by five clear goals. Rangers won the

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"TWINS" WERE TOO TOUGH IN "QUARTER"

ENGLAND AQUATIC STARS SHINE

LEIVER'S AMAZING EFFORT

Sydney, February 10.
Star event of the first night of the British Empire Games Aquatic Carnival was the 440 yards freestyle. The English "twins," Bob Leivers and Norman Wainwright, won the two heats decided, and upset most people's calculations.

Curiously enough, both these boys come from "The Potteries," are about the same age, and have travelled the world together.

Leivers was relentless in the first heat. He maintained his revolutions with the pace on all the time, and established a British Empire Games record. His time was 4min. 57.9-10sec. Noel Ryan's best was 5min. 3sec. at the 1934 games.

CLAPPED ON PACE

From a beautiful start Leivers went to the front and clapped on the pace. He turned first from Pirie (Canada). Biddulph, and Hooper (Can.). The first 100 yards occupied 1min. 6sec.

Biddulph spurred during the third lap, but Pirie was still lying second, with Hooper, and Newell (N.Z.) and Deane (England) next. Time for 200 yards was 2min. 21.3-5sec.

Biddulph passed Pirie. Hooper was next, and then came Newbiggen, and Deane, with Newell last.

At 300 yards (3min. 40.4-5sec.) Leivers, five yards ahead of Biddulph, was swimming strongly, and looked the winner. Biddulph crept up during the seventh lap, and was suddenly "flying," but Leivers did the same, and went on to win by 5yds. from Biddulph, who beat Pirie by 5yds. Hooper was fourth. Newbiggen fifth, Deane sixth, and Newell last. Time, 4min 57.9-10sec—Empire Games record.

RYAN THIRD!

Though Collard (South Africa), Ryan (Aus.), and Devlin (Canada) were first to show up in the second heat, Wainwright led when the field got into its stride, and he touched first at the 50 yards from Ryan and Devlin.

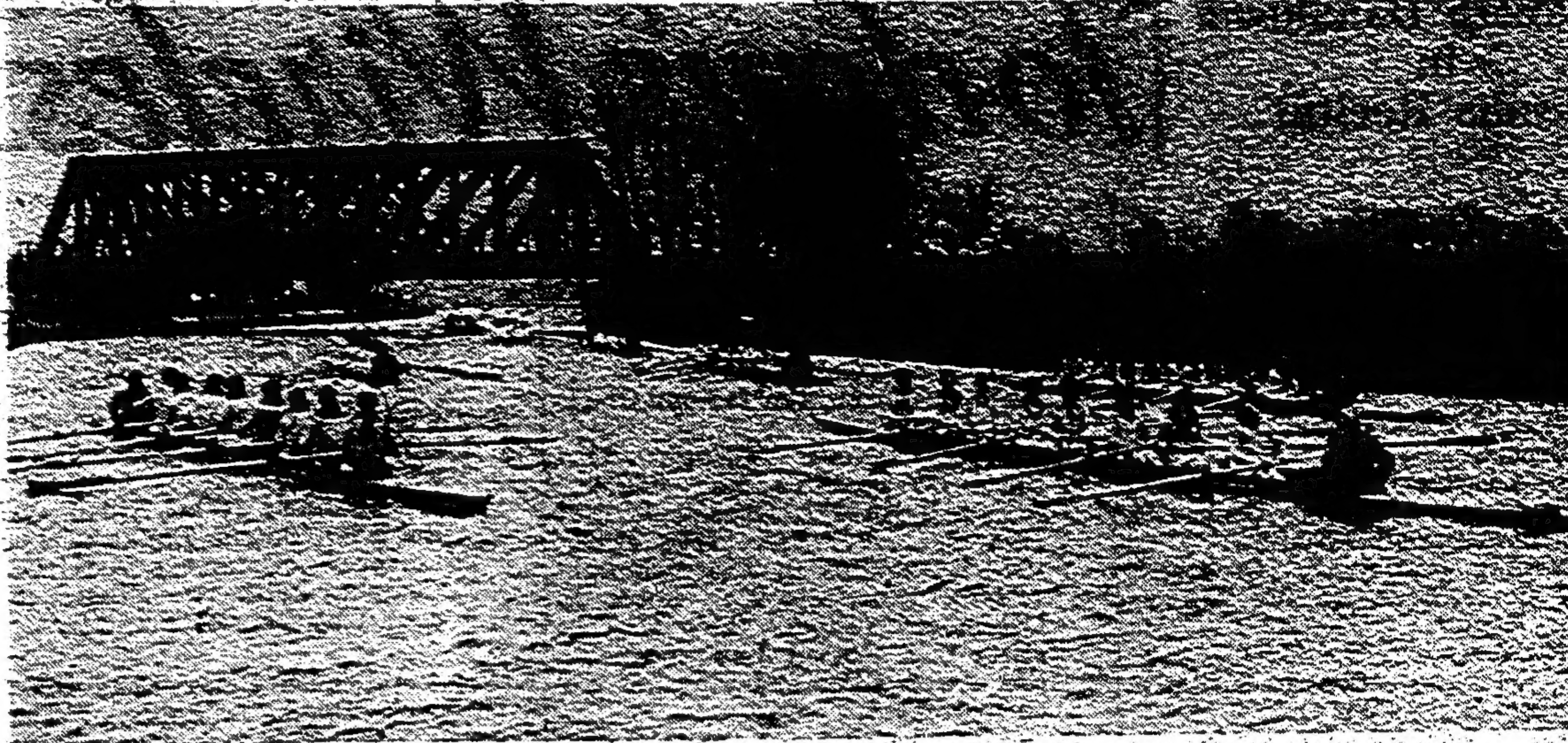
He had two yards to spare at the 100 yards from Devlin and Ryan. Time, 1min 6sec. Devlin could not accelerate and Ryan appeared to be labouring. Collard was next, and then came Crump and Hixtable.

COULDN'T LOSE

Mainwright had a five yards lead at 200 yards from Devlin and Ryan. Time, 2min 24sec. Collard suddenly dropped back. At 330 yards the leader "couldn't lose" he was swinging along so easily. Seven yards away was Devlin who was four yards in front of Ryan. Collard was next, and the other down the straight.

Ryan made a game effort during the seventh lap, but could not catch Devlin. Half-way down the last lap Wainwright eased up to win by 10 yards, from Devlin and Ryan. Collard, fourth, almost caught Ryan on the post. Time, 5min 55.7-10 sec. (W. Lawrence's Colony and Interport record for the 440 yards is 5mins 25.2-5secs.—Sports Ed).

Francis Zimmer, the Craigiegowrie batsman, is at present meeting with remarkable success as an opening bowler. Following a useful performance against the H.K.C.C. in a League match, he took 1 for 28 against the Phoenix XI.



Above is a general view of some of the sixty crews which participated in the second day of the annual Lent Races at Cambridge, on February 17. (Copyright)

KANE TO MEET I.B.U. CHAMPION

Paris, February 28.—Peter Kane (Golborne) has given Jeff Dickson, the promoter, the option of his services for a fight with the winner of the contest between Balthazar Sangchili (Spain) and Al Brown (Panama), who meet for the I.B.U. world bantamweight title at the Palais des Sports on Friday. Dickson plans to stage the fight between Kane and the winner on April 30.

EAST FIFE AND THE SCOTTISH CUP

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competition that time. East Fife were their first stage victims, and in the tournament of twelve months since, the last tie concerning Fife took place at Methil. And for the second year in succession East Fife were beaten by the ultimate Cup winners. Third round result:—East Fife, 0, Celtic 3.

It seems to me that it is a day well spent to beat a Fife club in the Cup. It almost ensures a striping room at Hampden on Final Day!

Two well-known basketball exponents were married last week. They were Ng Wine, prominent representative of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and Miss Wong Kwai-ying, who formerly turned out for St. Paul's Girls' College in the Girls' Basketball League.

A. T. Bradley the local golfer leaves the Colony for good next Saturday.

KOWLOON MARATHON RACE TO-DAY

The 17th annual Kowloon Marathon race, which will take place to-day, starting at St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road.

The judges will be Lt. St. John, R.N., of H.M.S. Cumberland, Flt. Lt. T. U. C. Shirley, R.A.F., Lt. A. W. J. Murray, R.A., Rev. J. B. Higgs, and Messrs. E. F. Fincher and H. Kew.

Mr. J. P. Robinson will be the starter, and Dr. Henry, of Kowloon Hospital, will officiate as the Hon. Medical Officer. Boy Scouts will act as course stewards and will be stationed at the turns in the course, while Police Department have promised their co-operation in dealing with traffic on the route.

Three trophies have been presented; by Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Mr. Ezra Abraham and Mr. F. C. Hall.

ENTRY LIST

The entries are as follows:—

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L.S.B.A. Rowlands (R. N. Hospital)	(Middlesex)
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L/C. Baker	(do)
L/C. Boggis	(do)
PTE. Tarrant	(do)
PTE. Adams	(do)
PTE. Willison	(do)
PTE. Noble	(do)
PTE. Onslow	(do)
PTE. Heather	(do)
L/C. Ellis	(do)
PTE. Evans	(do)
PTE. Baker	(do)
PTE. Thundow	(do)
PTE. Weekes	(do)
PTE. Hobson	(do)
BOY. Whitty	(do)
L/C. MacDonald (Royal Scots)	(do)
L/C. Manson	(do)
L/C. Gracie	(do)
PTE. Wilson	(do)
Mr. D. S. Blake	(do)
L.A.C. Langley	(do)

Cpl. Harrison (No. 715 Squadron, R.A.F.)	(R.A.F. H/Qs, Ksi Tak)
A.C. Goodwin	(do)
A.C. Pharaoh	(do)
C.P.O. Parsons	(H.M.S. Suffolk)
Shipt. Frost	(do)
Shipt. Ware	(do)
Stoker Scarlett	(H.M.S. Orpheus)
Sigmn. Seaman	(H.K. Signal boy)
Sigmn. Truscott	(do)
Sigmn. McCavish	(do)
Sigmn. Campbell	(do)
Stoker Brown	(H.M.S. Grampian)

SHEFFIELD U. HELD AT HOME BY SWANSEA

London, To-day.

Sheffield United and Swansea yesterday shared two goals in the former's home match—Renter.



SOUTH CHINA TEAM FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the South China Athletic Association in their exhibition football game against the Islington Corinthians at Caroline Hill to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.

Tam Kwan Kou; Mak Sui Hon and Lee Tin Sang; Leung Wing Chin, Lau Hing Choi and Lee Kwok Wai; Tang Kwong Sun, Fung King Cheung, Chan Tak Fai, Lau Chong Sang and Lee Sek Yan.



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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Charles Kullman (Tenor) with New Light Symphony Orchestra. The Waltzing Doll (Poldini). At Dawning (Cadman)... Orchestra. Lover, Come Back To Me (From "New Moon").
Rose Marie (From the film). Charles Kullman.
Monastery Bells (Wely).
The Mill In The Forest (Ellenberg).
Orchestra.
Serenade (Ravini's Serenade—words, Lockton)..... Charles Kullman.
Jazz Nocturne ("My Silent Love"—Suesse).
Buffoon (Confrey)..... Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Renter & Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: Sir Henry Pollock. Subject: "Some Legal Anecdotes."
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
2.30 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
2.45 p.m.—Dance & Variety Programme. Dance Band—Don't Forget The Old Folks At Home (Noel, Pelosi); The House With The Little Green Tiles (Beamish, Stanley)..... Billy Cotton And His Band with vocal chorus.
Vocal—"Venus In Silk"—Vocal Selection....New-Mayfair Orches-

tra with Nella Toppa & Jan Van Der Gucht (Vocalists).
Organ Solo—Dixie Hits No. 18.... Reginald Dixon, the famous Blackpool Organist.
Humorous—I Never Thought That She'd Do That To Me (Miller); Let's All Have A Charabanc Ride (Miller)..... Max Miller.
Vocal—Waterlilies In The Moonlight (Pease, Rose, Stock); Roses In December (From "Life Of The Party")..... Brian Lawrence with the Three Ginx and Rhythm Accompaniment.
7.35 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.40 p.m.—Studio—A Recital by Elizabeth Donaldson (Contralto) Accompanied by Lindsay A. LaFord (Piano).
1. L'Heure Exquise (Reynaldo Hahn).
2. Si Mes Vieux Amis (Dea, Ailes (Reynaldo Hahn)).
3. Il Est Doux, Il Est Bon (Massenet)..... E. Donaldson.
4. Piano—Air de Ballet (Chaminade)..... L. A. LaFord.
5. Les Deux Roses (Hallett Gill etc).
6. Tes Deux Baisers (Cecile Chaminade)..... E. Donaldson.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Sea Shanties and Choruses. Sea Shanties.
Intro—"What shall we do with the Drunken Sailor?" "Samundiah"; "Blow the Man Down"; "Bound for the Rio Grande"; "Whisky Johnny"; "Fire Down Below"; "Hindaloo-Balay"; "Billy Boy".

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8.15 p.m.—London Relay—The Bishop Dreams. By A. L. Phillips. Characters: The Bishop of Downchester; Janet, his sister; Henry Blunt, his twin brother; William, the butler; Mrs. Wilson, the housekeeper. Time: A week before any English Derby. The production by Howard Rose.

8.55 p.m.—Studio—Studio Orchestra conducted by Lindsay A. LaFord.
1. Suite Orientale—(Francis Popy).
(a) Les Bayaderes
(b) Au Bord du Gange
(c) Les Aimees
(d) Patrouille.
2. Nocturne—(Tschaiakowsky).
3. Minuetto Galante—Ettore Pellagatti.
4. Valse—"L'Or et L'Argent"—(Lehar).

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Songs by Peter Dawson (Bass Baritone).
McPherson's Farewell (McCall).
Deep Sea Mariner (McCall).
Fishin' In The North Sea (Sterndale-Bonnett).

10 p.m.—London Relay—The Old Folks At Home. A programme in which we hope to bring back memories of popular melodies of yesterday. The B.B.C. Empire Orchestra; Leader, Leonard Hirsch; Conductor, Eric Fogg. Edward Beach (tenor); Robert Hanlon (Piscopo).

10.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
Orchestra—With "Merry" Tattooed On His Arm (Clive Erard, Trafford, Ives); So Many Memories (Woods).... Jay Wilbur And His Band with vocal chorus.
Orchestra—Sympathy Waltz (From "Tiredly"); Afraid To Dream—Fox-Trot (From "You can't have everything").... Roy Fox And His Orchestra Vocal refrain by Barry Gray.
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11 p.m.—Close down.

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11.55 a.m.—Programme of Gramophone Records.
12.15 p.m.—The Bishop Dreams. A play by A. L. Phillips.

12.55 p.m.—Harry Engelman, Syncopating Pianist.
1.15 p.m.—Harry Fryer and his Orchestra, from the Chiswick Empire, London.

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1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben. "The Old Folks At Home".

2.45 p.m.—Monkey Wrenches in the Trade Machine. A talk by Sir Josiah Stamp.

3.00 p.m.—Let's Go to the Theatre. Stories and songs from London Shows.

3.20 p.m.—Chamber Music.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.

4.20 p.m.—Hungarian Gipsy Party, from the Hungaria Restaurant, London.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Rate Yourself

Mr. Culbertson is conducting through this column a examination of bridge-players. Rate yourself by subtracting from 100 the points for each wrong answer.

The third and fourth questions in the national self-rating bridge examination appeared yesterday. They were:

Question 3. Both sides vulnerable. Your partner (North) deals and bids one no trump. Second hand passes. You (South) hold:

S.—6 3, H.—K 4 2, D.—K Q
10 9 5 2, C.—8 6.

What call do you make.

Answer: The correct response is three no trump, a double raise. There is no sense in even mentioning the diamond suit. The combined hands should easily make nine tricks in no trump but probably would fall short of the eleven required at a minor suit contract. (One point demerit for a two no trump response. Two points demerit for other responses.)

Question 4. Both sides vulnerable. You (South) deal and bid one no trump on this hand:

S.—A 9 4 2, H.—A 6 3, D.—A Q 5, C.—K 7 4.

West passes and North raises you to two no trump. East passes. What call do you make now?

Answer. You should pass. Your hand was an absolute minimum no trump and the fact that partner has raised does not give it additional values. (One point demerit for bidding three no trump; two points demerit for making any other call, except a pass.)

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS

Question 5. Both sides vulnerable. You are South, the dealer, and hold:

S.—A K J 5, H.—A J 10 8, D.—Q 4, C.—K 10 8.

What call do you make?

Question 6. Both sides vulnerable. You are North. Your partner (South) deals and bid one club. Next hand passed. You hold:

S.—4 4 3 2, H.—6 4 3, D.—K J 8 6 5, C.—7.

What call do you make?

TO-DAY'S HAND

South, dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—A Q
H.—Q 5 4
D.—9 5 4 2
C.—8 6 3 2

WEST

S.—J 9 7 5 2
H.—8
D.—Q J 10 6 3
C.—A J

EAST

S.—10 6 4 3
H.—J 7 5
D.—A K 8
C.—Q 5 4

SOUTH

S.—8
H.—A K 10 9 3 2
D.—7
C.—K 10 9 7

The bidding:

South West North East
1 heart Pass 2 hearts Pass
4 hearts Pass Pass Pass

West opened the queen and jack of diamonds. Declarer ruffed the second, and drew trumps. He then led a low spade to the queen and, on the assumption that his best chance was to find East with the club ace, boldly led a club from dummy and, when East played low, put on the king. West smothered it with the ace, and led another diamond. Declarer still had to lose to West's club jack and East's club queen and, therefore, went down one.

Declarer had played directly against the percentages. He should have drawn the outstanding trumps, ending in dummy. Then, with his one thought being to avoid the loss of three club tricks, he should have led a club from dummy and finessed with the nine. Only if the ace, queen, and jack of clubs were over him in West's hand could this plan lose and in that event no line of play could succeed. With any one of the three honours in East's hand, successive finesses up to the K-10-9 would hold the loss to two club tricks.

The way to study this situation is to lay out the cards in the club suit alone, keeping the North-South hands as they are and rearranging the East-West clubs into all possible combinations.

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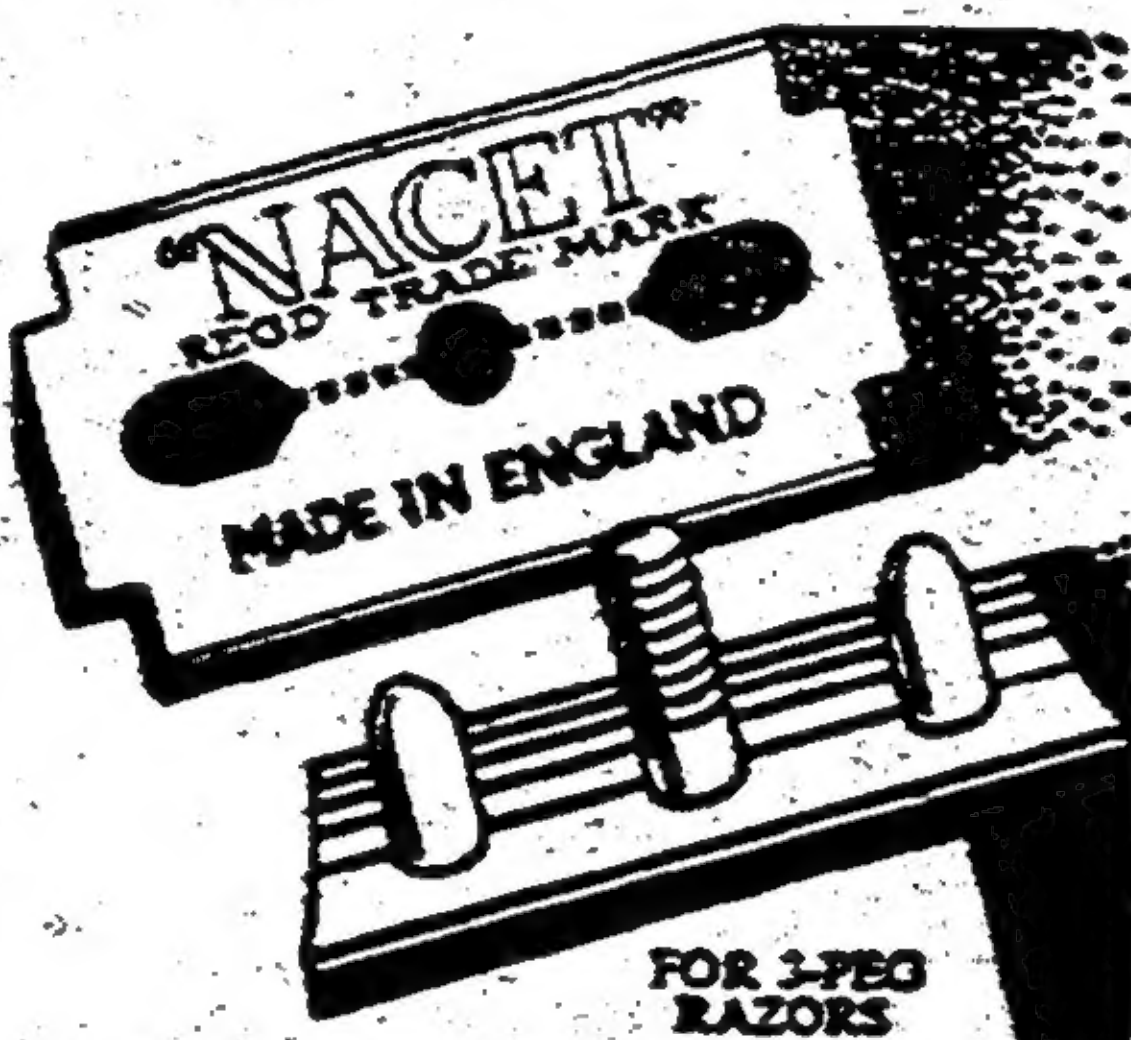
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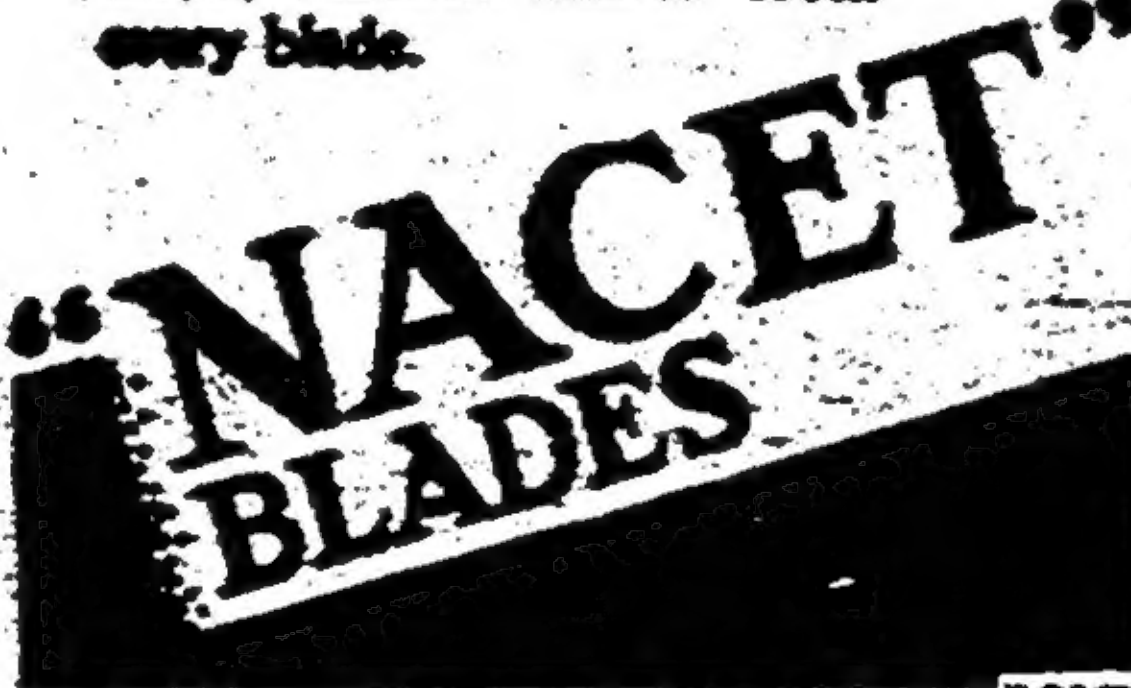
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NO ROOM FOR MISTAKE

Shanghai, To-day.

Saying there should be no misunderstanding regarding the character of the new regime in Nanking as being a purely Japanese creation, the "North China Daily News," in an editorial this morning, declares that some of those Chinese assisting in the formation are undoubtedly doing so because of a very natural desire to come back into the limelight from which they were banished when the National Government secured control of China.

The newspaper says that thus in this area, as well as in North China, the Anfu Clique are emerging from the obscurity in which they have dwelt for the past eleven years and are taking the opportunity to reassert themselves.—Reuter.

HANKOW JUBILANT OVER SUCCESSES

(Continued from Page 1)
Jen, Japanese troops belonging to the Isogai and Itagaki

The meeting is likely to be decisive, and the Powers will agree to invoke the escalator clause.

Mr. Bywater says that it is now certain that the Treaty maximum of 35,000 tons will be raised to above 40,000 tons, and that the two British ships built under the 1938 programme will probably surpass H.M.S. Hood, which is 42,000 tons.

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The correspondent adds that reports from Washington indicate the new American battleships will be from 43,000 to 45,000 tons mounting ten or more 16-inch guns. The warships will cost \$16,000,000 each but it does not follow that the British ships will have the same tonnage and armament.—Reuter.

divisions in southern Shantung are retreating in disorder.

Earlier, General Li said that following the launching of a general offensive on Saturday, the Chinese troops under General Chang Tze-chung, former Mayor of Tientsin, recaptured Linching, routing the Isogai Division, part of which is now retreating eastward in the direction of the Paotuku Hills.—Reuter.

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